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ODD FELLOWS' HALL, ROCHESTER,  
TUESDAY, *August 16, 1870.*

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York assembled this day, at 9 o'clock, A. M., in the city of Rochester, agreeably with the provisions of Sec. 1, Art. II. of Constitution. Present :

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT.....	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
DANIEL WOOD.....	<i>R. W. Dep. Grand Master.</i>
EDWIN S. RALPHS.....	<i>R. W. Grand Warden.</i>
CHARLES V. CLARK.....	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
JACOB RUSSELL.....	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
J. D. HOUGHTON.....	<i>W. Grand Chaplain.</i>
GEORGE F. BEARDSLEY.....	<i>W. Grand Marshal.</i>
JOHN H. JEFFRES.....	<i>W. Grand Conductor.</i>
GEORGE F. MILLER.....	<i>W. Grand Guardian, p. t.</i>
CHARLES MACDONALD.....	<i>W. Grand Herald.</i>
JAMES TERWILLIGER.....	<i>Grand Representative.</i>

And Representatives from a quorum of Lodges.

By direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor officially examined the Representatives present.

The W. Grand Chaplain then addressed the Throne of Grace in prayer.

The Grand Marshal made formal proclamation of the opening of the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of such business as might be constitutionally introduced.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees :

*Committee on Credentials.*

P. G. JOSEPH ASH,	Diamond Lodge, No. 140.
" GEORGE E. CRAFT,	Cortland " " 6.
" WM. ASHTON,	City " " 151.

*Committee of Elections and Returns.*

P. G. WM. P. HOLLAND,	Ark	Lodge, No. 28.
" DANIEL LAMM,	Teutonia	" " 14.
" JOHN CANTRELL,	Olive Branch	" " 31.
" GEO. F. BEARDSLEY,	Nassau	" " 39.
" JOHN B. DEMONET,	Concorde	" " 43.
" GEORGE POPLE,	Pacific	" " 85.
" R. H. MILLER,	Laurel	" " 24.
" H. C. A. SAUER,	Mount Hermon	" " 38.
" JOHN F. VAN NORT,	Highland	" " 65.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives, appointed in pursuance to Sec. 2, Art. IV. of the By-Laws of this Grand Body, respectfully report that they have examined the credentials for Regular and Proxy Representatives of the Lodges named below, which they find correct, with the following exceptions :

The credentials of Aretas Lodge, 172, Harlem, 201, and Park, 203, are not signed by the N. G.; those of Hobart, 63, and Franklin, 182, are not signed by the Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH ASH,  
WILLIAM ASHTON,  
GEORGE E. CRAFT.

LODGE.	NO.	REGULAR.	PROXY.
Columbia,	1	Samuel J. Pesoa,	C. Kiersted.
Hope,	2	William Lacy,	R. H. Waterman.
Genesee,	3	Jacob Fonda,	Chas. M. Syme.
Strangers' Refuge,	4	Louis Lowenstein,	Isidor Oser.
Whitehall,	5	Alonzo Selden,	Joseph Mathews.
Cortland,	6	Geo. E. Craft,	James P. Sanders.
Clinton.	7	Peter Putnam,	J. W. Van Alstyne.
Toronto	8	John H. Jeffres,	R. N. Warfield.
Tompkins,	9	James C. Aitken,	Edmund Foley.
New York,	10	Jacob Samuel,	Wm. T. Childs.
Gettys,	11	John A. Kennedy,	C. G. Westlake.

LODGE.	NO.	REGULAR.	PROXY.
Mohawk Valley,	12	A. C. Van Epps,	F. H. Dunbar.
Germania,	13	Ch. Alsfeld,	Myer Stern.
Teutonia,	14	Daniel Lamm.	
Saratoga,	15	O. Conklin,	F. H. Curtis.
German Colonial,	16	Daniel Baer,	C. Amthar.
St. Paul's,	17	H. C. Quant.	
La Fayette,	18	W. H. Goring,	Peter McGregor.
Fireman's,	19	Cornelius Glen,	Wm. J. Haight.
Tuckahannock,	20	Geo. H. Stewart,	Thos. P. St. John.
Poughkeepsie,	21	W. Haubernestel,	A. G. Rothery.
Knickerbocker,	22	John Medole,	D. W. McMurray.
Mariners',	23	H. C. Murphy,	A. Rendt.
Laurel,	24	R. H. Miller.	
Niagara,	25	Charles E. Harris,	S. B. Hubbell.
Brooklyn,	26	James Milligan,	James Irwin.
Trojan,	27	Seth J. Whitehead,	Benj. Babcock, Jr.
Ark.	28	Wm. P. Holland,	Abm. Bennett, Jr.
Mohegan,	29	O. B. Herrick,	S. C. Suydam.
National,	30	George Smith,	J. W. H. Canoll.
Olive Branch,	31	John Cantrell,	E. J. Hamilton.
American,	32	Augustus Bowers,	S. A. Loomis.
Metropolitan,	33	John P. Teale,	D. R. Hillson.
Wawayanda,	34	Robert E. Hoyt,	Thomas Lawrence.
Covenant,	35	Wm. Campbell,	James M. Cooper.
Enterprise,	36	Charles Dever,	Chas. Castles.
Buffalo.	37	G. W. Robertson,	Henry P. Pfeiffer.
Mount Hermon,	38	H. C. A. Sauer,	H. Schutter.
Nassau,	39	Geo. F. Beardsley,	James A. Pryce.
Greenwich,	40	Abraham Lent,	Chas. H. Morgan.
Phoenix,	41	W. H. Vanderbilt,	S. L. Bridgeford.
Holly,	42	N. O. Warren,	R. P. Orr.
Concorde,	43	John B. Demonet,	Edward Le Gay.
Alphadelphia,	44	James E. Baker,	Nelson Ritter.
Salem.	45	James Gibson, Jr.,	Wm. H. Lakin.
State Rights,	46	Geo. Haskins,	M. A. Adler.
Mercantile,	47	M. B. Pitts.	
Principle,	48	Louis E. Wiebe,	D. P. Barnard.
Hancock,	49	C. F. Randolph,	Geo. W. Welsh.
Atlantic,	50	James Lock,	Lauson Boyer.
Confidence,	51	Alfred Teetsel,	Abram J. Myers.
United Brothers',	52	J. G. Beck,	F. Ellinghausen.
Rensselaer,	53	William Madden,	Emanuel Hahn.
Cataract,	54	David D. Schuck,	L. W. Bristol.
Arcturus,	55	H. B. Vaughan,	J. Kingsley.
Havana,	56	C. Hill,	H. L. Couch.
Mutual,	57	Geo. W. Dilks.	
Albion,	58	Thomas Bell,	John H. White.
Ulster,	59	J. W. Saulpaugh.	
Howard,	60	F. J. Gallagher,	E. H. Van Doorn.
Crusaders',	61	J. C. Cabble,	Jas. C. Johnson.
Calumet,	62	T. R. Morgan,	Allen Perkins.
Hobart,	63	Wm. E. Bates,	A. T. Wilcox.
Empire,	64	Royal G. Millard,	Thomas Lawrence.
Highland,	65	Jno. F. Van Nort,	John Delancey.
Rochester City,	66	Wm. G. Stewart,	Delos Wentworth.
Beacon,	67	Chas. H. Moses,	H. Bausher.
Central City,	68	Robert Ferguson,	Wm. P. Carpenter.
Sincérité,	69	Louis Cantel,	John H. Tissot.
Oneida,	70	Isaac Tapping,	Wm. Ralph.
Ithaca,	71	Thos. P. St. John,	Charles A. Hart.

LODGE.	NO.	REGULAR.	PROXY.
Eckford,	72	Henry C. Rover,	John Drake.
Pembroke,	73		
Pilgrim,	74	Wm. W. Reed,	C. Vandervoort.
Cryptic,	75	Edwin Briggs,	D. Mandaville.
Mount Carmel,	76	H. Nussbaum,	Abraham Pareira.
Golden Rule,	77	T. E. Gilbert,	E. F. Richardson.
Neshoba,	78	D. S. Camp,	James C. Drake.
Onondaga,	79	R. J. Morgan,	W. Truesdell.
Brookhaven,	80	Wm. S. Preston,	Royal G. Millard.
Niagara Falls,	81	Konrad Fink,	L. W. Bristol.
German Oak,	82	Gustav Leweck,	Carl Meyer.
Piermont,	83	S. S. Post,	Thomas Lawrence.
Warren,	84	G. N. Kay.	
Pacific,	85	George Pople,	J. W. Covert.
Kosciusko,	86	John R. Styles,	Frank Potter.
Schonegħtada,	87	Ernest Wheener,	O. A. Large.
Richmond County,	88	James Turney,	Walter Pero.
Newtown,	89	James McCann,	R. F. Stewart.
Suffolk,	90	P. R. Jennings,	Wilson R. Cooper.
Walhalla,	91	Philip Houck,	Valentine Neber.
Allen,	92	E. C. Terry.	
Samaritan,	93	I. N. Lansing,	I. J. Griffith.
Corning,	94	Andrew Beers,	D. S. Powers.
Skenandoah,	95	Geo. Cessford,	Wm. B. Monroe.
Athenian,	96	Thos. Godson,	Chas. Waldheim.
Salina,	97	E. D. Smith,	John W. Kellogg.
Ogdensburg,	98	Elijah White,	Wm. M. Crane.
Homer,	99	S. P. Miller,	H. W. Blashfield.
Schenecas,	101		
Cherry Valley,	102	D. W. C. Bates, Jr.,	Amos L. Swan.
Otsego,	103	Wm. C. Baily,	H. C. Cline.
Sampawams,	104	Jesse Conklin,	J. P. Solomon.
Cornucopia,	106	Samuel Barnett,	S. Warsawer.
Crystal,	107	Wm. H. Reynolds,	Henry D. Seward.
Sauquoit,	108	Wm. Knight,	S. H. Hanauer.
Syracuse,	109	E. Austin Barnes,	Theodore L. Poole.
Ocean,	110	C. Vandervoort,	Peter Paynton.
Wenona,	111	H. K. Tiffet,	J. D. Houghton.
Middletown,	112	Joseph D. Friend,	S. L. Preston.
Mechanics',	113	P. C. Krenrich.	
Montauk,	114	Geo. F. Miller,	J. Scrimgeour.
Valatie,	115	Thos. Coope.	
Smyrna,	116	D. C. Briggs,	H. C. Willcox.
Continental,	117	W. H. Vanderhoof,	Peter H. Jobes.
Solon,	118	W. Drechsler,	Gustav Leweck.
Polar Star,	119	Geo. H. Forman.	
Venus,	120	F. Germann,	Martin Kropp.
The Woods,	121	C. Y. Cozine,	D. W. C. Langdon.
Oneko,	122	Wm. B. Collins,	Thos. Lawrence.
Canaseraga.	123	Abm. Lozier,	J. H. Tompkins.
Jefferson Union.	124	S. B. Hart,	T. Zimmerman.
Wm. Tell,	125	Chas. T. Schmitt,	Chas. Kiehl.
Amaranthus,	126	Gilbert D. Smith,	James Godwin.
Ivanhoe,	127	D. W. C. Cammeyer,	M. P. Whitlock.
Morning Star,	128		Emanuel Hahn.
Schiller,	129	H. Zoll,	Gustav Leweck.
Minerva,	130	Geo. Kinzer,	Chas. Bender.
Evergreen,	131	Wm. C. Harris.	
Schuylers Lake,	132		
Steuben,	133	John Bullwinkel,	John H. Seebeck.

LODGE.	NO.	REGULAR.	PROXY.
Amsterdam,	134	Isaac C. Shuler,	W. S. Van Brocklin.
Mount Sinai,	135	Myer Stern,	A. Bamberger.
Oundiaga,	136	Jas. Whitford,	R. R. Slocum.
Humboldt,	138	H. Kohlmetz.	
United States,	139	John Galbraith,	George Meyers.
Diamond,	140	Joseph Ash,	Thomas Pruden.
Hempstead,	141	Ebenezer Kellum,	John R. Bedell.
Hudson City,	142	A. G. Vosburgh.	
Ustayantha,	143	L. S. Rosencrance,	Daniel Romaine.
Mount Ararat,	144	C. W. Rudyard,	John A. Metz.
Tonawanda,	145	Phillip Zwetsch,	Albert Rowe.
Worth,	146	E. J. Farrell,	Samuel Jacobs.
Schuyler,	147	A. P. Howes,	G. D. Evans.
Hermann,	148	Geo. Snyder,	Jacob Schaffner.
Central Square,	149	David L. Wood,	Chauncey Dutcher.
Milford,	150	Hiram C. Cline,	Alfred Mosher.
City,	151	Wm. Ashton,	Jas. W. Westerfield.
Neptune,	152	Wm. H. Smith,	Peter H. Jobes.
Ehrenbreitstein,	153	Isaac C. Chapin,	Wm. England.
Astoria,	155	John L. Morris.	
Oswegatchie,	156	Wm. Blackwood,	A. Hemingway.
Farmers & Mechanics',	157	Simeon Savage,	G. W. Norman.
Spring Valley,	158	Thomas Losee,	James Patterson.
Elk Creek,	159	Wm. H. Plutner,	Hiram C. Cline.
Accord,	160	M. J. Schoonmaker,	J. D. Merihew.
Uncas,	161	A. A. King,	Chas. Morgan.
Rhinebeck,	162	C. C. Bush,	Nelson Traver.
Lessing,	163	C. F. Miller,	S. Lowenthal.
Preble,	164	Seth Hobart,	J. R. Vanpatten.
Hermitage,	165	Jno. P. Hunt, Jr.,	J. L. Michaels.
Magnolia,	166	Peter Reid,	John White.
Marathon,	167	Wm. W. Powers,	G. W. Copeland.
Collins,	168	A. Dickinson,	J. H. Carpenter.
Union,	169	B. Van Wynan,	James Irwin.
Freemen's,	170	Wm. H. Dawson,	Edwin S. Ralphs.
Morrisania,	171	D. Macarthur,	J. C. H. White.
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Patterson,	173		
Corinth,	174	G. C. Ide.	Samuel Nicklis.
Mannsville,	175	G. W. Wheeler,	
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Odin,	178	Geo. Moessenger,	C. W. Rudyard.
Greenport,	179	Wm. D. Cory,	Adam Schoen.
Lincoln,	180	Jacob F. Hanck,	Louis Heyl.
Point Gratiot,	181	J. Landschoof,	J. J. Stillwell.
Franklin,	182	John Van Cleif,	A. B. Caldwell.
Alleghania,	183	Robert Manuell,	Wm. L. Few.
Constellation,	184	Wm. Chambers,	Frederick Germann.
Cherusker,	185		Louis F. Leo
Allemania,	186	Daniel Stiegler,	John Moest.
Concordia,	187	Chas. Person,	Charles Warren.
Monroe,	188	Wm. Bradford,	Charles Ernst.
Hendrick Hudson,	189	Isaac A. Penfield,	H. P. Pfeiffer.
German Bundes,	190	Chas. Goetz,	John E. Hawes.
Yorktown,	191	N. W. Hyatt,	
Amity,	192		Thomas Pruden.
Goethe,	193	John Matthes,	L. E. Arnold.
North Pembroke,	194	R. G. Fowles,	Frederick H. Decker.
Mount Vernon,	195	Thomas R. Jones,	

LODGE.	NO.	REGULAR.	PROXY.
Canadesaga,	196	L. M. Grano.	
Batavia,	197	Wm. M. Terry,	W. T. Bliss.
Wardville,	198	H. S. Andrews,	A. Campbell.
Parma,	199	John V. Efner,	John Borst.
Stella,	200	W. H. Peck,	C. S. Barker.
Harlem,	201	G. Zabinsky,	H. C. Reynolds.
South East,	202	B. M. Moye,	Thos. R. Jones.
Park,	203	Chas. W. Rider,	John E. Finch.
Talmud,	204		D. L. Vaughan.
Canasawacta,	205	Henry C. Willcox.	
Lorraine,	206	C. C. Moore.	Samuel J. Mack.
Olympic,	207	Chas. Marks,	Louis Peyser.
Emanuel,	208	Chas. Casper,	Jacob Kadel.
Attila,	209	C. Wiegand.	H. C. A. Sauer.
Spartan,	210	Harvey Clute,	D. P. Barnard.
King Solomon,	211		John G. Pritting.
Robert Blum,	213	A. G. Dobrente,	Louis Lowenstein.
Beethoven,	214	Geo. Reid,	Phillip Drake.
Jordan,	215	Milton Rude,	John H. White.
Orleans,	217	H. A. Glidden,	Wm. H. H. Reid.
Cayadutta,	218	D. H. Heagle,	Wm. P. Stone.
Manoca,	219	O. H. P. Kinney,	
Guttenberg,	220	Julius Wasserman.	Hiram S. Hall.
Ellicott,	221	M. W. Hutton,	Henry Pamphilon.
Stafford,	222	Joseph Vallett,	Jacob Stark.
Socrates,	223	Chas. Kiehl,	Valentine Neber
Oriental,	224	Aug. Nagel,	Edw'd P. Nowell.
Ceres,	225	Henry Bundy,	E. J. Peck.
Mozart,	226	Fr. Elmiger,	John Rost.
Schenectady,	227	Fred'k Prieber,	John Drake.
Gloversville,	228	Jno. W. Peck,	Frederick H. Decker.
Hebron,	229		Fred. Germann.
Henry Clay,	230		
Arndt,	231		James P. Sanders.
Yonkers,	232		S. F. Bartlett.
Olive Leaf,	233	J. H. Whittier,	Louis Lowenstein.
Peabody,	234		Wm. Powers.
Centre Lisle,	235	C. M. Lusk,	G. Henry Roberts.
Canandaigua,	236	M. B. Hudson,	Jno. G. Clayton.
Zschokke,	237		Eugene C. Sirret.
Red Jacket,	238	Wm. Gould,	A. M. Bennett.
Gowanus,	239		
Adelphi,	240		Wm. H. Barnes.
Valley Point,	241		John W. Stebbins.
Colfax,	242		John G. Clayton.
Pieran,	243	Lewis B. Keeler,	
Yorkville,	244	H. C. Reynolds,	
Neahawanta,	245	R. P. Alger.	

The Committee of Elections and Returns presented the following report, which was received :

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York :*

The Committee of Elections and Returns report the certificates for Grand Lodge Degree from the following Lodges as correct, and the Past Noble Grands named therein entitled to receive the said degree, viz.:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 48, 50,

51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 102, 104, 106, 107, 109, 110, 112, 113, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 122, 123, 124, 126, 129, 130, 131, 134, 135, 136, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 145, 147, 149, 150, 151, 152, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 174, 175, 177, 178, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 211, 213, 214, 215, 217, 219, 221, 224, 225, 226, 227.

The committee report the certificates of Past Grands for the Grand Lodge Degree from the following Lodges as inaccurate: Nos. 131, 172 and 217 without the seal of the Lodge attached; No. 119 no seal nor signature; No. 150 no signature; No. 182 not signed by the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. HOLLAND,  
JOHN B. DEMONET,  
G. F. BEARDSLEY,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
D. LAMM,  
GEO. POPLE,  
JNO. F. VAN NORT.

On motion, Rule 25 was suspended, and the Grand Lodge resolved to take a recess between the hours of one and three o'clock.

The Grand Marshal introduced the following named Past Grands, who were instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree:

NO.	NAME.	NO.	NAME.	NO.	NAME.
3.	Charles M. Syme.	58.	James Bailey.	170.	Wm. H. Dawson.
3.	Isaac P. Guldenchuh.	58.	V. P. Phelps	184.	Wm. Chambers.
3.	Frederick Edridge.	58.	O. H. K. Porter.	184.	Wm. Cocker.
8.	G. P. Mastin.	66.	E. S. Preston.	188.	John A. Latta.
8.	Jas. M. Leonard.	66.	J. B. Muir.	188.	Alonzo Barnes.
8.	Isaac V. Moshier.	66.	A. L. Davis.	188.	Wm. Bradford.
8.	R. N. Warfield.	66.	Samuel C. Jones.	188.	Wm. H. Roberts.
8.	F. H. Beckwith.	66.	William F. Parry.	197.	Wm. M. Terry.
8.	Henry E. White.	77.	T. E. Gilbert.	197.	Weedon T. Bliss.
8.	Lewis V. Griffin.	79.	Robert J. Morgan.	198.	E. C. Seymour.
8.	Jas. Sproat.	79.	Joseph Seymour, Jr.	199.	Wm. Trimmer.
10.	J. Samuel.	81.	Peter Keller.	200.	Wm. H. Peck.
12.	A. C. Van Epps.	81.	Konrad Fink.	204.	D. L. Vaughan.
15.	Othniel Conklin.	91.	Philip Houck.	208.	Charles Casper.
18.	Peter McGregor.	93.	C. E. Rancour.	214.	George Reid.
24.	Robert H. Miller.	93.	Isaac N. Lansing.	215.	Milton Rude.
32.	Augustus Bowers.	97.	H. C. Leonard.	217.	John Kienardt.
34.	Robert E. Hoyt.	97.	E. D. Smith.	218.	D. H. Heagle.
35.	William Campbell.	124.	S. B. Hart.	220.	Julius Wosserman.
35.	James M. Cooper.	134.	W. S. Van Brocklin.	221.	H. S. Hall.
44.	James E. Baker.	136.	James Whitford.	222.	Joseph Vallett.
44.	G. P. Van Kleeck.	138.	Henry Kohlmetz.	224.	August Nagel.
44.	W. J. Bustin.	138.	Louis Bauer, Jr.	225.	Henry Bundy.
45.	James Gibson, Jr.	138.	Joseph Beir.	227.	F. Reaber.
54.	Hugh Marshall.	155.	John L. Morris.	228.	John W. Peck.
54.	Chas. A. Murphy.	162.	C. C. Busch.	235.	C. M. Lusk.
55.	H. B. Vaughn.	163.	C. F. Miller.	243.	Lewis B. Keeler.
58.	Abner B. Bailey.	167.	W. W. Powers.		

Rep. Aitken presented the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Warden be authorized to confer the Grand Lodge Degree, during the remainder of the session, in the ante-room.

Under this resolution the Past Grands named below received the Grand Lodge Degree :

NO.	NAME.	NO.	NAME.	NO.	NAME.
3.	Geo. W. Blackmore.	94.	N. D. Rowley.	205.	H. C. Willcox.
8.	D. Allard.	123.	A. O. Bunnell.	222.	Henry Pamphilon.
54.	R. M. Gailor.	188.	Thomas Buckley.	236.	M. B. Hudson.

The Committee of Elections and Returns also presented the following :

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Elections and Returns, having carefully examined the returns of Subordinate Lodges, submit the following report as exhibiting the result of the election held in June last for Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

FOR GRAND MASTER.

Whole number of votes.....	1,855	Necessary to a choice.....	928
Daniel Wood,	of No.	8, received.....	1,855

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Whole number of votes.....	1,866	Necessary to a choice.....	934
Edwin S. Ralphs,	of No.	64, received.....	1,866

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

Whole number of votes.....	1,853	Necessary to a choice.....	927
Wm. Lacy,	of No.	2, received.....	883
Jno. W. Cole.	"	27, " .....	670
Thos. P. St. John,	"	71, " .....	114
Jno. F. Sass,	"	72, " .....	103
Hiram C. Cline,	"	150, " .....	36
Jefferson McCausland,	"	172, " .....	47—1,853

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

Whole number of votes.....	1,870	Necessary to a choice.....	936
Chas. V. Clark,	of No.	46, received.....	1,804
C. S. Clay,	"	86, " .....	66—1,870

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes.....	1,866	Necessary to a choice.....	934
Jacob Russell,	of No.	28, received.....	1,816
John McDonald,	"	134, " .....	50—1,866

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes.....	1,869	Necessary to a choice.....	935
Wm. Madden,	of No.	53, received.....	650
Ed. J. Hamilton,	"	31, " .....	613
C. A. Marvin,	"	48, " .....	546
Daniel P. Barnard,	"	48, " .....	60—1,869

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. HOLLAND,  
JOHN B. DEMONET,  
G. F. BEARDSLEY,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
D. LAMM,  
GEORGE POPPLE,  
JNO. F. VAN NORT.

The report of the committee was received and adopted.\*

Thereupon the Grand Master made proclamation of the result of the election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

M. W. Grand Master elect, DANIEL WOOD, of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect, EDWIN S. RALPHS, of Empire Lodge, No. 64.

R. W. Grand Warden, no choice.

R. W. Grand Secretary elect, CHARLES V. CLARK, of State Rights Lodge, No. 46.

R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, JACOB RUSSELL, of Ark Lodge, No. 28.

R. W. Grand Representative, no choice.

Deputy Grand Sire Frederick D. Stuart being announced in waiting in the ante-room, Rep. Sanders submitted the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Deputy Grand Sire Frederick D. Stuart be received as the guest of this Grand Lodge during his stay in the city.

Upon his introduction by Grand Representatives Terwilliger and White, the Deputy Grand Sire was received and greeted in due form.

The Grand Master ordered an election to fill the offices of Grand Warden and Grand Representative, neither of the candidates for those offices respectively having received a majority of all the votes cast in the Subordinate Lodges.

Gr. Rep. C. A. Marvin, by letter, asked and obtained leave to withdraw his name as a candidate for Grand Representative.

P. G. M. Daniel P. Barnard also asked and obtained leave to withdraw his name as a candidate for Grand Representative.

The Grand Master appointed as tellers, for the office of Grand Warden, Reps. Millard and Van Nort; for the office of Representative to G. L. U. S., Reps. Medole and Glen.

The Lodges were then called in order and the Representatives deposited their votes, when the polls were closed.

The tellers, having canvassed the votes, reported as follows:

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\* For nominations for the several offices and table of votes by Lodges, see Appendix.

## FOR GRAND WARDEN.

Whole number of votes.....	526	Necessary to a choice .....	264
William Lacy,	of No. 2, received.....	310	
John W. Cole,	" 27, "	208	
John F. Sass,	" 72, "	8—526	

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes.....	524	Necessary to a choice.....	263
Edward J. Hamilton,	of No. 31, received.....	342	
William Madden,	" 53, "	182—524	

The Grand Master made proclamation as follows :

R. W. Grand Warden elect, WILLIAM LACY, of Hope Lodge, No. 2.

R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the term of two years from third Monday of September following, EDWARD J. HAMILTON, of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 31.

The Grand Master, pursuant to resolution, ordered a recess.

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TUESDAY, August 16—3 P. M.

The time of recess having expired, the Grand Lodge resumed business.

The following telegraphic dispatch was received from the Grand Lodge of California :

“NORTH SAN JUAN, August 16, 1870.

“To the Grand Lodge of New York, I. O. O. F.

“On behalf of the Grand Lodge of California, I greet you fraternally.

“C. W. DANNALS, Grand Master.”

The Grand Master announced the following answer, which was approved :

“ ROCHESTER, August 16, 1870.

“To the Grand Lodge of California, I. O. O. F.

“The Grand Lodge of New York gratefully receives your greeting, and heartily responds thereto.

“ NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, Grand Master.”

Grand Master John W. Smith, of Connecticut, was suitably received as a visitor.

The Grand Master presented his annual report, as follows :

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS: Once more the revolving seasons have in turn run their periods of growth and decay, and again we are assembled at the time of the ingathering of the harvest, to acknowledge, with grateful hearts, the benign protection of the Father of All which has

attended us through the journey of the year. Under cheering auspices we this morning exchange friendly salutations. From the centre to the utmost bounds of the jurisdiction of American Odd Fellowship, in whose name we meet in council, prosperity accompanies its standards and invites to larger conquests. Throughout our own land energy marks its progress—an energy that has even inaugurated the enterprise of planting the triple links of fraternal union on the soil of Continental Europe. Although baffled for a time by the all-absorbing passions of warring nations, the effort will not be long delayed, when the spirit of peace will unite the fatherland of many of our brothers in closer neighborhood with the country of their adoption.

This encouraging activity is also manifest in our own State. A period of depression has been succeeded by an awakened interest and united labors, which develop a growth satisfactory in its progress, and characterized by a steadiness and moderation that, under judicious guidance, will insure strength and stability.

Agreeably with the requirements of law, your executive and recording officers present for consideration the evidences of this advance in the work of the past year.

#### CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

From the reports received from the several D. D. G. M's throughout the State, I have prepared and present the following summary:

*Albany.*—This district is composed of 12 Subordinate Lodges, 2 Degree Lodges and 1 Rebekah Degree Lodge. The Deputy, Hy. C. A. Sauer, in a very full and able report of the work for the year, writes congratulatory of the increased prosperity and excellent condition of the Order in the district; peace and harmony prevail, and the Lodges generally are vigorous and active. Young and influential men of the best standing in society are seeking admission to the Lodges and are active co-workers in the good cause, while old members who had become somewhat negligent are again returning to their duties with renewed zeal and activity. The present number of members is 1,361, an increase over last year's report of 213 members—a healthy and encouraging increase.

*Cattaraugus.*—No report.

*Chautauqua.*—From the semi-annual reports of the Deputy I find that Point Gratiot, No. 181, holds her own, and Ellicott Lodge, 221, is prospering finely. Dunkirk Lodge, No. 212, has failed to report. No report from the Deputy as to the progress of the Order in this district.

*Chemung, Schuyler and Tioga.*—The four Lodges composing this district are reported by the Deputy as in good working order, membership increasing, harmony prevailing, and a good degree of interest manifested by all, the officers performing their duties well and in the true spirit. Increase during the year, 49.

*Chenango and Madison.*—From the semi-annual reports of the Deputy I find that Smyrna Lodge, No. 116, and Canasawacta Lodge, No. 205, are in good working order. No report from Oneactah Lodge, No. 216, and no report from the Deputy as to the work of the district.

*Columbia.*—From the semi-annual reports of the Deputy of this district I find that Allen Lodge, No. 92, is prospering finely, having added some 67 to her roll of members during the last year. Hudson City, No. 142, and Valatie Lodge, No. 115, have also added to their membership. No report from Morning Star Lodge, No. 128, and no special report from the Deputy as to the progress of the Order in his district.

*Cortland and Broome.*—Four Lodges compose this district, which, from the semi-annual reports of the Deputy, I find are adding to their membership. I am unable to speak of the interest manifested or manner of working, as no special report has been received from the Deputy.

*Delaware.*—No report.

*Dutchess.* This District has five Lodges, and a very encouraging report is given by the Deputy of their condition. All are active and zealously working for the

advancement of the principles of the Order they love, increasing in numbers. A determination is manifested by both officers and members to carry on the good work with renewed vigor, requiring only to know that a brother, sister, widow or orphan needs assistance and it is forthcoming. A Rebekah Degree Lodge, Excelsior, No. 7, has been instituted.

*Erie.*—Six Lodges and two Degree Lodges formed this district at the commencement of the term, to which have been added Oriental Lodge, No. 224, and Red Jacket Lodge, No. 238, also Esther Degree Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah. All in good working order. The members are imbued with the spirit of Odd Fellowship and are active in its cause. The result is an increase of membership and in number of Lodges.

*Franklin.*—Neshoba Lodge, No. 78, the only one in the district, has increased in membership during the last term, but in the absence of any special report I can give no particulars.

*Genesee.*—This district is now composed of five Lodges, one having been added during this term (Stafford Lodge, No. 222). The Deputy reports an increase of 19 members, and the several Lodges in a healthy condition. A Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah has been established at Pembroke, called Naomi, No. 5, which works well and is doing finely.

*Jefferson.*—The report from this district is encouraging. It is composed of five Lodges, all in a prosperous condition, with a single exception—Wenona, No. 111—and of this a better report is promised next term. The attendance is good; activity is manifested in the Degree of Rebekah, and the ladies take great interest in the progress of the Order.

*Kings, No. 1.*—This district, formerly composed of 12 Lodges and 1 Degree Lodge, has added to its numbers by the institution of Ceres Lodge, No. 225, and the resuscitation of Gowanus Lodge, No. 239. All the Lodges are well attended, harmonious and prosperous; 139 have been added to the membership, with an assurance of a much larger increase next term. Great interest is taken in the Degree Lodge, and the work is well and correctly given. Much interest is also taken in the Rebekah Degree, and a Lodge is in process of organization.

*Kings, No. 2.*—Three Lodges originally composed this district, viz., 61, 125, and 144, to which there have been added during the term Socrates Lodge, No. 223, and Olive Leaf Lodge, No. 233—the first to work in the German language. All are in a prosperous condition, harmoniously adding to their membership—No. 223 having initiated something over 100 since its organization. Much credit is due to P. G. Kiehl, through whose exertions Sociates was instituted. Increase, 154.

*Livingston.*—Canaseraga Lodge, No. 123, composing this district, has increased in membership. I can give no particulars, no special report having been received.

*Monroe District.*—Six Lodges compose this district, with a membership of over twelve hundred. The Deputy, Wm. Morley, reports the progress of the Order for the present year as being in advance of previous years. All the Lodges are in a sound condition, financially as well as in numbers.

*Montgomery and Fulton.*—Four Lodges now compose this district—one, Gloversville Lodge, No. 228, having been instituted during the year. All are in a prosperous condition, judging from the semi-annual report of the Deputy, in the absence of any special report.

*New York, No. 1.*—This district is composed of twelve Lodges, having a good average attendance. All have done more or less in the way of adding to their numbers, although from their suspensions, withdrawals (of which many were for the purpose of organizing new Lodges), etc., their net increase is but small. These Lodges include in their membership many of the prominent working Odd Fellows who for years have occupied the foremost rank in our Order. We are assured that what has been done was well done, and will redound to the best interests of the fraternity. Its principles are taught by precept and example, and a foundation firmly laid for its future prosperity.

*New York, No. 2.*—Eight Subordinate and one Degree Lodge constitute this district, all of which the Deputy reports in good working order, with a membership of 702, an increase of nine over last report. Revenue, \$10,403.95. Favorable mention is made of the attendance and the interest manifested by the members. New York Degree Lodge, No. 1, the only one in the city working in the American

language, is doing a noble work in the interest of the Order in its careful and correct instruction of members in the degrees.

*New York, No. 3.*—This district is composed of thirteen good Working Lodges, with an average attendance of thirty members ; 287 have been initiated the last year. Numerous entertainments and reunions have been given by the Lodges of the district, which have tended to strengthen the friendship already existing and to awaken a livelier interest in the work, proving both interesting and beneficial to all concerned. The work is well performed by the officers, and a bright prospect looms up in the future for this district.

*New York, No. 4.*—The District Deputy, Fred. Germann, gives a very full and able report of the condition of the Lodges under his charge. Fifteen Lodges and one Degree Lodge composed this district at the close of our last annual session, since which time the district has progressed in a manner unparalleled in the history of any district within this jurisdiction. Five new Lodges have been instituted and two Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah; seven hundred and eighty-two have been added to the membership, and five thousand and nineteen dollars expended for relief.

This district is now composed of twenty Working Lodges, one Degree Lodge, and two of the Daughters of Rebekah, with a prospect of others soon to be added—a number too large to be attended to by one D. D. G. M. with justice to the Lodges or to himself. I would therefore recommend a division of the district, and that a district to be known as District No. 5, of New York, be organized therefrom.

*New York, No. 6.*—From our attentive Deputy of the district, John Gamble, P. G. of 8<sup>1</sup>, we have a gratifying report. Nine Lodges compose the district, are in a good financial condition, working well, with an average attendance of one-third of membership. Additions by initiation, deposit of Card and reinstatements, 87; from which deduct the loss by deaths, suspensions and expulsion, 35—showing a net increase of 52 for the term. The officers of 113, 183 and 201 were installed in public—the first twice, on which occasions the rooms were filled to overflowing with the friends and members of the Order, a favorable impression made, and great interest manifested in the workings of our institution.

*Niagara.*—The three Lodges comprising this district appear to be in a prosperous condition, judging from their semi-annual reports, but can give no further information in the absence of a special report.

*Oneida and Herkimer.*—This district is composed of six Lodges and one Degree Lodge, which, the Deputy informs me, have increased, but not to that extent to be very encouraging; yet there is a determination manifested and zeal shown which, together with the harmony and good feeling that exist, will again cause the star of Odd Fellowship to shine brightly in the district. Two Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah have been instituted in the district this year, Nos. 1 and 18, the latter working in the German language. Both are in a prosperous condition and doing much good.

*Onondaga.*—Ten Lodges compose this district, with a total membership of 978, being an increase of 107 during the year; average attendance good, and harmony prevails. The greatest interest is manifested by the members in the Lodge meetings and by the officers in the performance of their duties. As a general thing the charge books have been dispensed with and a marked improvement is the result.

*Orange.*—No special report from the Deputy of this district, but from the semi-annual returns I learn that the Order is in a prosperous condition. Each of the six Lodges composing this district has added largely to its membership during the last year.

*Orleans.*—Here also I have to rely upon the semi-annual returns for information as to the condition of the three Lodges comprising the district. Each has added to their membership by initiation, and an increase of 22 is shown over and above their losses by suspensions, etc.

*Oswego.*—D. D. G. M. John R. Pierce writes me a very interesting report of the condition of the Order in his district, composed of Lodges Nos. 77, 149 and 156, all of which are steadily gathering numerical strength, and demonstrating the great principles that underlie our cherished institution, by a practical exemplification of its usefulness in the relief of distress and the elevation of human character. He closes with the following : “I am confirmed in the opinion that the Lodges in this

part of the jurisdiction are working on a more substantial basis than ever before, and that a glorious future, grand in its proportions and sublime and beautiful in its developments, awaits our Order everywhere, beckoning us onward and upward to higher aims and nobler purposes."

*Otsego.*—In the absence of any special report from the Deputy, I have again to report from the semi-annual returns of the six Lodges composing this district. Otsego Lodge, No. 103, shows the largest increase, while Cherry Valley, 102, and Schenevas, 101, barely hold their own.

*Queens.*—This district is composed of four Lodges. The Deputy, Geo. Pople, to whose energy and zeal are to be attributed much of the prosperity of the district, writes congratulatory upon the increased prosperity and excellent condition of the Order in his jurisdiction. The past year has been one of marked increase, both in membership and resources, and all the Lodges under his charge, except one (Hempstead Lodge, 141), exhibit a zeal and activity that speak well for the future of our Order. Pacific, 85, the oldest in the district, is active, and reports an increase of 18. Pembroke Lodge, 73, which some two years ago could seldom get a quorum, now numbers 70 good and true, and reports an increase of 17; Astoria also reports an increase, and is one of the most energetic in the district. Hempstead Lodge, 41, reports no increase, and although it has many live members on its roll, there is a lukewarmness manifested that prevents its progress.

*Rensselaer.*—Four Lodges constitute this district, viz., Nos. 27, 53, 96 and 157. Great interest is manifested by the members in the welfare of the Order, with an earnest endeavor to carry out its precepts. The increase has not been large, but the attendance and interest argue well for the future. There is also one Degree Lodge in this district, the interest taken in which, I am sorry to learn, is below what it should be.

*Richmond.*—In this district Mark Cox, a worthy and active member of the Order, who was appointed Deputy at our last annual session, died before receiving his certificate of appointment, and at my request the P. G's of the district made another selection, and recommended Edwin J. Flatt, who was duly commissioned. He reports nothing of great interest as transpiring in the district. The average attendance at Richmond Co., 88, is 20; of Neptune, 152, 13 members. A ball was given by No. 88, and an anniversary celebration by No. 152, both of which were successful and interesting.

*Rockland.*—From our worthy Deputy, John J. Lawrence, a most encouraging report is given of the state of the Order therein. The three Lodges are working harmoniously in promulgating the great principles of friendship and love. Two Lodges, Nos. 83 and 122, were installed in public, followed by entertainments of an interesting nature, waking up the community to an interest in our Order, which has resulted in the increase of members. A Rebekah Degree Lodge has been instituted in this district, and is in a flourishing condition.

*Saratoga.*—Two Lodges compose this district, Nos. 15 and 174, both in good working order; attendance good. They show an increase of 40 members during the last term.

*Schenectady.*—From the semi-annual returns I am enabled to report a small increase in this district. One new Lodge, Schenectady, No. 227, has been instituted during the year.

*Steuben and Allegany.*—Corning Lodge, 94, and Talmud Lodge, 204, composed this district at the commencement of the year, to which has been added Valley Point Lodge, No. 241, located at Cuba, instituted July 18th, by D. L. Vaughan, P.G., whom I specially deputized for that purpose. In the absence of a special report from the Deputy no information of importance can be given.

*St. Lawrence.*—There is but one Lodge in this district, Ogdensburg Lodge, No. 98, which the deputy reports in a very prosperous condition; although the actual increase is not very large, still the interest and zeal manifested by both officers and members have been increasing, and a deeper interest is taken in the work, showing itself by a much larger attendance. The books have been mostly dispensed with by the officers—an act worthy of imitation.

*Suffolk.*—This district is composed of four Lodges. From the semi-annual report of the Deputy I am able to report them in a prosperous condition, all having added to their membership by initiation during the year. No other particulars have been received.

*Tompkins.*—D. D. G. M. Thomas P. St. John reports the two Lodges in this district in a sound condition, the members active and harmonious. Social gatherings are held by the members and their families, promoting fraternal feeling among the participants and increasing the interest in the Order. The Rebekah Degree has been conferred on the wives of many of the members, and an interest manifested that will soon lead to the formation of a Rebekah Degree Lodge.

*Ulster and Greene.*—In the absence of any special report from the Deputy, I am only able to report the condition of the district from the semi-annual reports. Six Lodges compose the district, all in a prosperous condition, and reporting a good membership. Over one hundred having been initiated during the past year speaks well for their activity and interest.

*Washington.*—Whitehall Lodge, No. 5, Salem, 45, and Arcturus, 50, compose this district, the two last of which, the Deputy informs me, are in a prosperous condition. Whitehall is not gaining much, owing to local difficulties, which, I trust, may soon be removed, and No. 5 classed with her sister Lodges in this district in prosperity.

*Westchester and Putnam.*—Nine Lodges composed this district at the commencement of the year, to which have been added two, viz., Hebron, No. 229, at White Plains, and Yonkers, No. 232, at Yonkers. All are doing well, with a good average attendance. The increase in the district has been two new Lodges and 72 members, with peace and harmony in the ascendancy.

#### DECISIONS.

Although many questions have been submitted for my consideration, the greater number of them have been decided on well settled principles of law, which it is unnecessary to report. A few only are presented.

1. Can a brother belonging to a Lodge in one district hold the office of N. G. of a Degree Lodge in another?

*Answer.*—Yes, provided he is a member of said Degree Lodge.

2. Where the laws require a two-thirds vote of all the members present, should those not entitled by the By-Laws of the Lodge to vote be counted in the negative?

*Answer.*—No.

3. Has a Lodge the right to keep its members waiting in the ante-room while the minutes of the preceding session are being read?

*Answer.*—No.

4. If a motion is made and seconded which the N. G. believes to be contrary to constitutional law and so decides, and refuses to entertain the question, upon his decision being appealed from must he put the appeal to vote?

*Answer.*—Yes.

5. If the Lodge override his decision, what must he do?

*Answer.*—Put the question. If unconstitutional action should result therefrom, the wrong can be remedied by an appeal to higher authority.

I have also confirmed the decisions of the D. D. G. M. of District No. 1, New York, in the following cases, the same being on appeal.

6. That the report of a committee on charge should be entered on the records of the Lodge.

7. That a brother under charge undecided is qualified to prefer counter-charge.

8. I have also sustained the decision of Wm. Morley, D. D. G. M., of Monroe, as against the action of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, in declaring Brother H. G. Otis, a suspended member, reinstated, he not having received the requisite vote as required by the Constitution of Subordinates, and required the Lodge to declare said act irregular and therefore void.

The Lodge has taken an appeal from my decision on this point, which is herewith presented.

#### COMPLAINT.

A complaint was received from Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, of Rochester, against Wm. Morley, D. D. G. M. of Monroe, under date of April 19,

1870. This was referred to John W. Stebbins, P. D. D. G. M., whom I commissioned to inquire into and report the facts as to said complaint. On the 10th of the present month, having concluded his labors, I received a very full and elaborate report on the case. From the summary I find that the Deputy has violated no positive law, and has done no act that has resulted in injury to any one, erring only, if err he did, in being over-zealous in the discharge of his duties. I therefore dismissed the complaint, with a regret that so much valuable time should have been spent upon a matter of so little importance.

The papers in the complaint, also the report of the commissioner, are herewith presented.

#### ABUSES IN PRINTING.

I wish to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to a matter which I cannot, consistently with my position as Grand Master, allow to pass unnoticed. I refer to the pamphlet issued by Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, under date of January 25, 1870, in which the action of this Grand Body at its last Annual Session is severely criticised, the conduct and motives of its Grand Representative impugned, and the honor and purity of the G. L. U. S. called in question.

This is all wrong. It is no credit to us as a State jurisdiction; it certainly can be no honor to the Lodge that issued it. I do not suggest any course of action, believing this Grand Lodge fully competent to protect its own dignity and that of its Representative from any such ill advised attack. But I do disapprove entirely of the course pursued, namely, of publishing to the fraternity and the world private grievances, and employing Lodge action as the means of gratifying personal pique.

In all cases of misunderstanding and disagreement, and even of just complaint against the Grand Lodge, its officers or representatives, the remedy should be sought on the floor of this body, where the official conduct of each is subject to impartial and critical review.

The laws of our institution require that certain appeals should be printed, and there would probably be no impropriety in giving in print the leading points of appeals to this body. Still it is highly improper to issue, in pamphlet, circular or otherwise, calumnies and responses calculated to engender unfriendly feelings among members and disseminate throughout the community the personal differences which should be confined to our Lodge rooms. It is an abuse which should be discountenanced.

#### ANNIVERSARIES, PERMISSIONS, ETC.

Numerous applications have been received from Lodges for permission to use the name and regalia of the Order in celebrating anniversaries, having picnics, excursions, balls and other social entertainments, all of which have been granted, under the usual restrictions for such occasions provided by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In no instance, so far as I have been able to learn, has this privilege been abused, but properly and discreetly used, and, I think, has produced good results, to the end that it has brought our Order into more public notice, and been conducive to the more rapid growth of its principles among our own members.

Applications received from Lincoln Lodge, 126, Jersey City, and Seely Creek Lodge, 641, Dagget's Mills, Pa., for permission to initiate persons residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, were duly granted.

Permission has also been given Brothers Rev. J. J. Scherer and Dr. J. W. Brown, of Columbus Lodge, No. 51, Texas, to solicit and receive donations

from the several Lodges in this jurisdiction for the purpose of establishing an Odd Fellows' school, in Columbus, Colorado County, Texas, said applications being indorsed by the Grand Lodge of Texas, and recommended by Grand Sire Farnsworth.

An application was also received from a committee of Mount Sidney Lodge, No. 119, Mount Sidney, Va., for permission to appeal to the Lodges of this jurisdiction for aid to build a Lodge room, which, after due consideration, I felt constrained to deny.

#### OFFICIAL WORK.

Of my own labors I have to say that, owing to circumstances beyond my control, I have been unable to give that attention to the duties of the office the present progress of the Order demands, but report the following as the work performed by me during the year, exclusive of my weekly receptions at the office of the Grand Secretary in New York City.

October 2, installed the officers elect of Franklin Lodge, No. 182, and exemplified the work.

October 5, installed the officers elect of Stella Lodge, No. 200, in public.

October 12, publicly installed the officers elect of Principle Lodge, No. 48.

October 20, instituted Socrates Lodge, No. 223, in District No. 2 of Kings.

December 8, instituted Ceres Lodge, No. 225, in District No. 1 of Kings..

December 21, instituted Mozart Lodge, No. 226, in District No. 4, New York.

December 23, visited Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 22, accompanied by Grand Warden Ralphs, Grand Secretary Clark, Grand Treasurer Russell, Grand Herald Macdonald, and many prominent members of the Order, and presented John Medole, P. G. M., with a Jewel, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual session of this R. W. Grand Lodge (p. 398).

January 11, visited Highland Lodge, No. 65, at Newburgh, in company with John Medole, P. G. M., and Bro. S. E. Weaver, for the purpose of harmonizing a difference existing.

February 21, paid an official visit to Pacific Lodge, No. 85, at Flushing, Queens Co., accompanied by the Grand Officers.

February 22, in company with Grand Secretary Clark and P. G's Buckwell and James Lock, visited Hudson City Lodge, No. 142, at Hudson, and in the presence of a large attendance of the members of the district and delegations from Albany, Troy, Greenbush, Poughkeepsie, Catskill and Fishkill, exemplified the work of the Initiatory Degree, and with the assistance of Bro. G. H. Buckwell, of New York Degree Lodge, conferred the five Subordinate Degrees. The occasion was one of great interest, and will long be remembered with pleasure.

March 14, in company with Grand Secretary Clark, visited Albany, and at Mount Herman Lodge, No. 38, in the presence of the members of the district, exemplified the work, including the Subordinate Degrees.

March 15, at Schenectady, accompanied by Grand Secretary Clark and L. Boyer, P. G., visited St. Paul's Lodge, No. 17, and exemplified the work to a large number of the members of the district and visiting brothers.

March 16, visited Troy, District of Rensselaer, and at Rensselaer Lodge, No. 53, was received by a large attendance of the members of the district; here also the work was exemplified.

March 17, the Grand Secretary and myself visited Oneida Lodge, No. 70, at Utica, meeting a warm reception from a large assembly of the mem-

bers of Oneida and Herkimer District. Exemplified the work and gave general instructions.

March 18, visited the District of Onondaga, and at Onondaga Lodge, No. 79, was welcomed by the members of the district, who in large numbers had assembled to greet us. Congratulations were interchanged and the work exemplified. Here, as at Albany, Schenectady, Troy and Utica, the greatest interest was manifested in the progress of the Order, and the kindest attention and respect paid us, for which I desire at this time to make my acknowledgments.

April 2, installed the officers of The Woods Lodge, No. 121, and exemplified the work.

April 4, installed the officers of Atlantic Lodge, No. 50.

April 13, instituted Excelsior Degree Lodge, No. 7, Daughters of Rebekah, at Poughkeepsie, and installed its officers elect, assisted by Grand Warden Ralphs, Grand Secretary Clark, and many prominent members of the Order from New York City. An occasion of much interest.

April 14, instituted Olive Leaf Lodge, No. 233, in District No. 2 of Kings, installed the officers and exemplified the work.

May 11, accompanied by the Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Herald, and John L. Dossay, D. D. G. M. of the district, visited Ark Lodge, No. 28, and exemplified the work before the members of District No. 1 of New York.

May 30, visited Greenwich Lodge, No. 40, accompanied by the Grand Officers and John Gamble, D. D. G. M. of the district, and exemplified the work before the members of District No. 6, New York.

June 2, in like manner visited Crusaders' Lodge, No. 61, and exemplified the work in the presence of the members of District No. 2 of Kings.

June 8, visited Union Lodge, No. 169, of District No. 1 of Kings, and before a large number of the members of the district, who had assembled in accordance with notice duly given by Geo. F. Miller, D. D. G. M. of the district, exemplified the work and gave some general instructions.

June 14, in company with Grand Warden Ralphs, Grand Secretary Clark, P. G. M's Medole, Barnes and Langdon, P. G. P's Hamilton and Leweck and others, visited Walden, Orange County, and in the presence of a large attendance of the members of the Order and their friends dedicated the new hall of Freemen's Lodge, No. 170.

June 15, visited Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 127, District No. 1 of Kings, giving instructions in the work. This Lodge had for a long time past been in a state of inactivity, but has since its last report added some thirty to its roll of members. Hence our visit for instruction and congratulation.

June 16, accompanied by M. B. Pitts, P. G., Grand Herald and others, visited Neptune Lodge, No. 152, Richmond County, and exemplified the work before the members of the district.

July 23, assisted by the Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal and Geo. F. Miller, D. D. G. M. of the district, reinstated Gowanus Lodge, No. 239, and gave instructions in the work.

July 27, visited, in company with the Grand Officers, German Oak Lodge, No. 82, and exemplified the work before the members of District No. 4 of New York, who were in attendance in compliance with invitation duly given. On this occasion we had the pleasure of the presence of P. G. Sire Sanders and Gr. Rep. Porter of California, each of whom addressed the members of the Order present.

August 3, in company with the Grand Warden and Grand Secretary, visited the District of Westchester and Putnam, and at Morrisania Lodge, No. 171, exemplified the work and gave general instructions.

August 4, instituted Yorkville Lodge, No. 244, in District No. 6 of New

York, and installed the officers. The large attendance on this occasion made manifest the increased interest now taken in the progress of the Order.

August 11, visited Socrates Lodge, No. 223, District No. 2 of Kings. Exemplified the work and gave general instructions.

#### REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

Agreeably with the action of this body at the last session authorizing the establishment of Rebekah Degree Lodges, the Standing Committee at an early day prepared a suitable form of Charter for that purpose, a copy of which is appended. During the year Charters have been issued for the institution of eighteen Rebekah Lodges, located chiefly in the river and central districts.

A large measure of interest has been manifested in some portions of the jurisdiction in favor of these Lodges, while at the same time thorough organization proceeds slowly in the absence of precedent for their guidance.

Although the adoption of the Degree of Rebekah in 1851 and the authorization of Rebekah Lodges in 1868 were received with enthusiasm in many parts of the general jurisdiction, yet I can but regard this development of our institution as wholly experimental, and as still requiring careful and well matured legislation to give it stability and practical value. The experience in this jurisdiction, though brief, prompts me to call your attention to one or two points.

1. Under the Constitution (Art. III., Sec. 2) a Rebekah Lodge may hold regular meetings either monthly or semi-monthly. So far as I am advised the Lodges now instituted have determined to meet monthly. The Constitution also provides (Art. III., Sec. 1) that "regular terms shall be six months, and shall commence on the first stated meetings in January and July in each year." In my opinion it would be advantageous to increase the regular term to twelve months, commencing with the first meeting in July. The officers of a Lodge meeting monthly, under the present law, will serve but six nights, a service scarcely sufficient to become acquainted with their work. The duties of officers are too light to become burdensome, and less frequent changes will tend to increase order and uniformity in the proceedings of the Lodge. The proposed term will also harmonize more fully with Sec. 2, Art. VII. of the Constitution, which requires that an annual report only shall be made to the Grand Lodge, giving, together with other information, "the names of the officers for the succeeding term."

2. The manner of acquiring membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge is thus prescribed in the enactment of the Grand Lodge of the United States: "Any brother or sister within the district designated in the Charter may become a member on paying the dues provided by the By-Laws." The Constitution adopted by this body conforms thereto. This rule precludes the adoption of an entrance fee, and also a ballot on candidates for membership. The absence of the entrance fee is in some measure met in this jurisdiction by requiring the payment of dues in advance. The exclusion of the ballot, however, in my estimation, undermines the usefulness and even the life of a Rebekah Degree Lodge. It is a tree with its sustaining roots cut away. The prerogative of a Scarlet Degree member to have the Rebekah Degree *conferred* upon himself and wife may be unobjectionable; but the considerations on which this privilege rests utterly fail to sustain his unchallenged claim of *membership* in a Rebekah Lodge. The power of a Lodge to select its own members is an essential

element in the preservation of its peace and prosperity. This proposition is deemed to be so self-evident that it is unnecessary to illustrate it by instances which have already occurred.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States a resolution was submitted proposing to amend the law, by adding to the above quoted clause the words, "and being elected by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting." The committee to whom this resolution was referred reported unfavorably, and the report was adopted by the Grand Lodge. This proposed amendment submitted to the ordeal of a ballot "any brother or sister within the district." In the original enactment the rule prevails that the membership of a wife is dependent upon that of her husband, both in its acquisition and its continuance. Under this rule, as well as from other considerations, it would seem more judicious to use the ballot only on the application of the husband, and in the event of his election to leave the wife free to acquire membership without further action. Under such a regulation objections to either party would find expression in the ballot on the application of the husband.

The question is one of much practical importance, and I feel constrained to ask for it your thoughtful attention. Should the views presented be approved, I would suggest the propriety of requesting our Representatives to use their influence in securing an amendment to the enactment of 1868, by which Rebekah Degree Lodges shall be authorized to use the ballot on all applications for membership by brothers of the Order, and widows of deceased members.

#### MEASURES PENDING BEFORE THE G. L. U. S.

I deem it to be my duty to call your attention to certain propositions which from time to time have been discussed and which now await the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States—legislative measures which, although originating in that body, are of the deepest interest not only to State Grand Lodges, but also to every Subordinate Lodge and to every Odd Fellow throughout the land. It is proper, therefore, that in our respective spheres of action we should consider the expediency of these propositions, in order that we may acquaint ourselves with their merits, and that our conclusions may guide those who shall be chosen to represent us in the highest tribunal of the Order.

1. A single word will suffice to remind you of the hasty and unexpected legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1868 by which the APRON was for the most part abolished as a part of the regalia of an Odd Fellow, and to call forth renewed regrets upon the unjustifiable innovation. In this jurisdiction the measure met with general disapprobation, which found appropriate expression at the last Annual Session of this body. At the Annual Communication of the G. L. U. S. of 1869 an ineffectual effort was made to restore the favorite badge. The Legislative Committee, to whom the subject was referred, made a divided report—five of its members adhering to the action of the previous year, and four advocating the restoration. At a late hour of the session both reports were laid on the table. (*Journal*, pp. 4633–5, 4672.)

Under these circumstances we may justly regard the question as still pending, and this Grand Lodge will determine whether it will again use its influence to restore the honored apron.

2. Another question of general interest requiring your attention has reference to the title of the highest tribunal of our institution. Early in the year 1825 our predecessors, with unselfish unanimity, organized a national

governing body, under the name of "The Grand Lodge of the United States." At the first regular session of that body four jurisdictions were represented and nine Lodges were reported. A half century has not yet elapsed since that event, during which, from this small beginning, the altars of covenanted friendship have been erected in every portion of the expanding republic, and carried even to the British Provinces on the north and the islands of the sea beyond our western bounds. With this territorial expansion, thoroughness of organization and singleness of purpose have kept even pace, and have developed the grand moral power now widely recognized as American Odd Fellowship.

This remarkable extension of jurisdiction, and especially to the British Dominions, has chiefly suggested a modification of the original name, and there are now awaiting action two propositions to amend the Constitution —the first proposing the title of "The Supreme Grand Lodge," the second that of "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

The prosperity of our institution has given rise to a wide-spread desire to extend its benefits to other countries than our own, and under these circumstances it may seem ungracious to refuse an act involving in some degree both courtesy and equity to our brothers whose fortunes have placed them beyond the boundaries of our Federal Union. Notwithstanding this consideration, I am constrained to regard the proposition as one of doubtful propriety. To give full practical effect to a change of title would involve much expense and labor, accompanied with not a little confusion. In addition to this, I regard the successful building up of our institution as mainly due to the enterprise and freedom of action guaranteed and encouraged by the laws of the Republic of the United States. Its development being thus emphatically American, it is too early yet to supersede the national title under which hundreds of thousands have been gathered within its protecting influence. Again, the proposed titles are vague and inexpressive. They contain nothing indicative of origin or history, and would fall coldly on hearts that cherish the good old name of "The Grand Lodge of the United States." While I deem any change unwise, I venture to suggest a title more distinctive and appropriate than those proposed, one more expressive of the jurisdiction and functions of the body itself, namely, "The Federal Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows."

3. An important measure now pending before the Grand Lodge of the United States refers to the restoration of members suspended for non-payment of dues. In illustration of this subject I will briefly give the action of that body. The former law governing the matter was as follows (Const. Art. XVI., Sec. 4):

"A member of the Order suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any State, District or Territory shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another State, District or Territory without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled."

In 1857 this section was amended by adding the following:

"Provided, however, that the several Grand Bodies situate on the Pacific may readmit to membership within their respective jurisdictions, upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same who may have been suspended in other jurisdictions for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause."

In 1869, by an amendment to the foregoing clause, the G. L. U. S. re-claimed the right to prescribe the conditions.

In 1866 resolutions were adopted granting to certain specified jurisdictions "the right to readmit to membership within their several jurisdictions, upon such terms as may be right and just, as proposed by Sec. 4,

Art. XVI. of the Constitution, all suspended members of other jurisdictions residing within the several jurisdictions named, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues only;" and also "that any other jurisdictions not therein included may avail themselves of the privilege of said Sec. 4, Art. XVI., upon giving notice to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Body of their desire to do so." (Journal, pp. 3951, 3962.)

Under the above provisions the privilege has been conferred upon about one-half of the State jurisdictions. It is now proposed to enact a uniform law upon the subject, and the following resolutions will come up for consideration at the next Annual Communication:

"1. *Resolved*, That it shall not be legal to expel or suspend members of this Order for non-payment of dues.

"2. *Resolved*, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order failing to pay his regular dues, as required by the By-Laws of such Subordinate, until the arrears thereof, exclusive of fines and assessments, are equal in amount to one year's dues, shall be held to have voluntarily resigned his membership in such Subordinate, and shall be dropped from the roll thereof; *provided, however*, that no member shall be thus dropped while under charges for misconduct.

"3. *Resolved*, That any person thus dropped may be readmitted to membership either in his former Subordinate or in any other Subordinate Lodge, subject to the general and local laws regarding residence, upon application, in the same manner as may be required of a candidate for initiation; he shall pay an admission fee in no case to exceed the customary initiation fee provided for by the By-Laws of the Subordinate to which such application may be made; and he shall take such rank only in such Subordinate as he may prove himself entitled to.

"4. *Resolved*, That the provisions of these resolutions shall apply to all persons heretofore suspended, expelled or dropped from membership, for non-payment of dues and for no other cause, and to members of defunct Subordinate Lodges or Encampments."

It will be seen that the proposition contained in the second resolution is chiefly technical, while the third resolution proposes a radical change in law. The prerogative of a Lodge to readmit a non-paying member suspended by itself is one of long standing, and was doubtless intended to give the Lodge a larger moral control over the delinquent. On the other hand it is suggested that should a member so suspended be placed in the legal position of having voluntarily resigned his membership, with the liberty of making application for its renewal in any Lodge that he might select, many would avail themselves of the privilege, especially among those whose residence is at a distance from their former Lodge; and also that such application for renewal of membership would bear upon its face a warning that would at once secure so critical an investigation that no harm could result from the extended freedom. There is certainly much force in this view of the advocates of the measure.

I have presented the subject thus fully because of its importance to every Lodge and every member of the Order, and to secure its deliberate consideration by this Grand Lodge.

#### PUBLICATIONS OF THE ORDER.

There is no more powerful agent for promoting the good of the Order than the press, and nothing points more to the high position Odd Fellowship has assumed among the various societies having for their aim the amelioration and the relief of distress and the elevation of mankind in the scale of humanity, than the many and favorable notices it has received from the secular press of the day. I deem it a pleasurable duty to make this acknowledgment, and would also call the attention of the brotherhood of the

Empire State to the necessity of lending their cordial support to the greater dissemination of our principles through the medium of our own publications.

The "American Odd Fellow," a magazine published monthly in the city of New York by John W. Orr, P. G. M., an official organ of the Order, has received well merited recommendations from my predecessors, to which I desire to add my concurrence.

I would also call your attention to the handsome weekly of the Golden Rule Association, the "Heart and Hand," recently established in the city of New York. Among its contributors will be found the names of some of the most distinguished writers of our institution, whose discussions of principles, laws and regulations cannot fail to be of vast benefit to our membership.

As exponents of our aims and work, as records of the movements and doings of the Order in all sections, as entertaining companions for the Lodge and fireside, it affords me pleasure to give them my cordial approval, and recommend them to the liberal patronage of the Lodges and individual members of this and every other jurisdiction.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

During the past year many of our Lodges have been called upon to mourn the loss of members endeared by long association, yet few have been reported to me officially. I would more particularly speak of Bro. Mark Cox, P. G., who died Sept. 10th, 1869. He early enrolled himself under our banner as a member of Richmond County Lodge, No. 88, of which he was for some years one of the most active members. At the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the District of Richmond, but did not live to receive his commission. He died as he had lived, a faithful expositor of the true principles of our fraternal bond.

Levi L. Gowdy, P. G. of Freemen's Lodge, No. 170, at Walden, Orange County, passed away from earth on the 16th of June last, at the age of 68 years. Bro. Gowdy was for many years connected with the Lodge, and by his kindness of disposition and integrity of character won the confidence and love of his fellow-members, and by this talismanic power led the Lodge and its members to a high moral plane of daily action. His last work was in superintending the fitting up of a fine new hall for the meetings of his Lodge and Encampment, which was formally dedicated two days prior to his decease. I fervently trust that the hall and the noble Lodge which occupies it may long remain monuments to his revered memory.

#### CONCLUSION.

I desire to express thanks to my associate Grand Officers, and to all with whom I have had official duties to transact, for the consideration with which I have been treated, but desire more particularly to acknowledge the valuable assistance I have received from the R. W. Grand Secretary, C. V. Clark. Always ready to give information, always willing to lend his presence when required, cheerful when troubled, considerate when tried, but few persons combine those qualifications that so eminently fit him for the office. I know this is but a reiteration of what has been said by others, still I desire to record my commendation of a faithful officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

And now, brothers, as our official connection is about to be severed, permit me to express a wish, a prayer, although we may not all again

meet in our annual council, that the friendship which has existed between us may, like a halo, light us during our coming years, dispelling the gloom that would otherwise surround the evening of life. May the prosperity that has attended our efforts in behalf of our beloved Order continue, until its principles and teachings shall give encouragement and protection to the family of man.

Fraternally submitted,

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *Grand Master.*

The report was received and referred to a special committee of three to propose a suitable distribution and reference of the subjects contained therein.

Reps. Medole, Kennedy and Gould were appointed such committee.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report. The report being printed, the reading was dispensed with, and it was referred to the special committee on report of Grand Master.

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York :*

The official year 1869-70 has been characterized by an increased activity throughout our jurisdiction. The appended statements will indicate, in part, the work which has occupied the attention of your officers, while the report of the Standing Committee presents fuller particulars in regard to the organization of Lodges.

I. During the year the Standing Committee has granted Dispensations to the following Working Lodges:

Ellicott, No. 221, Jamestown, Chautauqua County. Reinstatement.

Stafford, No. 222, Stafford, Genesee County. Reinstatement.

Socrates, No. 223, Williamsburgh, Kings County. Institution.

Oriental, No. 224, Buffalo, Erie County. Institution.

Ceres, No. 225, Brooklyn, Kings County. Institution.

Mozart, No. 226, District No. 4, New York City. Institution.

Schenectady, No. 227, Schenectady, Schenectady County. Institution.

Gloversville, No. 228, Gloversville, Fulton County. Reinstatement.

Hebron, No. 229, White Plains, Westchester County. Institution.

Henry Clay, No. 230, District No. 4, New York City. Institution.

Arndt, No. 231, District No. 4, New York City. Institution.

Yonkers, No. 232, Yonkers, Westchester County. Institution.

Olive Leaf, No. 233, Greenpoint, Kings County. Institution.

Peabody, No. 234, District No. 4, New York City. Institution.

Centre Lisle, No. 235, Centre Lisle, Broome County. Reinstatement.

Canandaigua, No. 236, Canandaigua, Ontario County. Institution.

Zschokke, No. 237, District No. 4, New York City. Institution.

Red Jacket, No. 238, Buffalo, Erie County. Institution.

Gowanus, No. 239, Brooklyn, Kings County. Reinstatement.

Adelphi, No. 240, Cochecton, Sullivan County. Institution.

Valley Point, No. 241, Cuba, Allegany County. Institution.

Colfax, No. 242, District No. 4, New York City. Institution.

Pierian, No. 243, Palmyra, Wayne County. Institution.

Yorkville, No. 244, District No. 6, New York City. Institution.

Neahawanta, No. 245, Fulton, Oswego County. Institution.

II. Grand Lodge Certificates have been issued to one hundred and ten applicants, formerly members of the Lodges named. The figures at the beginning of the columns show the register number of the certificates.

135. A. Diekison, Ridge, 354.  
 136. Erastus Lent, Neutral Ground, 401.  
 137. Daniel B. Hager, Tryon, 247.  
 138. Eli Overton, Tusearora, 250.  
 139. James E. Twiname, Monroe, 326.  
 140. Wm. Haw, Jr., Croton, 78.  
 141. James Whitford, De Ruyter, 299.  
 142. Charles Zieman, Tryon, 247.  
 143. Frederiek Weber, Spartan, 62.  
 144. J. Sprague Morley, Cato, 222.  
 145. Chester Morley, Jr., Cato, 222.  
 146. Caleb S. Babcock, Hoosiek, 448.  
 147. Alfred S. Higgins, Little Valley, 120.  
 148. Albert Durand, Vesper, 390.  
 149. Lewis Green, Vesper, 390.  
 150. J. D. Rathbone, Cryder, 456.  
 151. Carleton L. Farnum, Tamenund, 418.  
 152. Luke T. Merrill, Etna, 377.  
 153. Henry Pamphilon, Laneaster, 471.  
 154. D. P. Goodhue, Dryden, 77.  
 155. M. Van Valkenburgh, Dryden, 77.  
 156. Nicholas H. Caywood, Brutus, 146.  
 157. Joseph Moore, Brutus, 146.  
 158. E. A. Patterson, Throekmorton, 239.  
 159. Charles Aldridge, Wyandot, 195.  
 160. T. L. Wilsey, Oramel, 429.  
 161. Henry Weneker, Northern Light, 348.  
 162. A. H. Mead, Northern Light, 348.  
 163. Wm. J. Cornwell, Brutus, 146.  
 164. Arvis Burrows, Angeliea, 292.  
 165. H. L. Angelman, Rockland Co., 76.  
 166. S. J. Eaton, City Philanthropie, 5.  
 167. Adam Emeriek, Cato, 222.  
 168. Charles Shoemaker, Heetor, 420.  
 169. Rev. J. Trowbridge, Oramel, 429.  
 170. Henry H. Smith, Montgomery, 164.  
 171. Wm. Alpin, Byron, 196.  
 172. Elisha A. King, Sacondaga, 432.  
 173. Fred'k A. Saxton, Cattaraugus, 109.  
 174. Charles H. Patriek, Cortland, 55.  
 175. H. W. Ingersoll, Hector, 420.  
 176. Harvey Alger, Hartwiek, 136.  
 177. Alonzo S. Ross, Canaeadea, 49.  
 178. Wm. Dahrymple, Chemung, 127.  
 179. M. J. Moulton, Arbor, 241.  
 180. Adin H. Haekett, Fabius, 486.  
 181. Simeon C. Davis, Howard, 352.  
 182. Wm. T. Clark, Howard, 352.  
 183. John M. Farnham, Ellington, 453.  
 184. S. E. Milspaw, Cherry Creek, 435.  
 185. Wm. W. Wilson, Sinclairville, 372.  
 186. Phil'r E. Beardsley, Randolph, 346.  
 187. J. J. Matteson, Ontario, 22.  
 188. Samuel Williams, Brockport, 47.  
 189. George Olmstead, Ogden, 197.  
 190. Julius Hoyt, Tamenund, 418.  
 191. M. B. Hudson, Ontario, 22.  
 192. James Rathbone, Sinelairville, 372.  
 193. Ezra C. Scofield, Granite, 401.  
 194. John B. Haviland, Meridian, 42.  
 195. R. H. Whitehead, Pocahontas, 384.  
 196. Jaeob Berry, Evans, 343.  
 197. Wm. P. Downs, Neutral Ground, 401.  
 198. Jacob Van Winkle, Horieon, 305.  
 199. Ralph Brinn, Grove, 58.  
 200. Abraham Schwerin, Adirondack, 136.  
 201. Truman Allen, Lake Erie, 473.  
 202. S. A. Broaderick, Kiohora, 184.  
 203. Moses W. Perry, Marion, 34.  
 204. P. Weatherly, Butternut Valley, 264.  
 205. S. H. Smalley, Sodus, 338.  
 206. Martin Yonker, Plowman's, 424.  
 207. Charles Wood, Plowman's, 424.  
 208. Charles G. Maples, Plowman's, 424.  
 209. H. V. Perry, Chautauque, 130.  
 210. W. F. Kidder, Busti, 472.  
 211. S. S. Webb, Canacadea, 49.  
 212. George D. Chabau, Siloam, 210.  
 213. Charles Aieh, Buttermilk Falls, 414.  
 214. Jesse M. Tiffany, Chautauque, 130.  
 215. James M. Griffin, Kianto, 393.  
 216. Joel Seudder, Kianto, 393.  
 217. George Greason, Good Intent, 6.  
 218. John A. Haviland, Long Island, 63.  
 219. Wm. P. Stevens, Oil Spring, 318.  
 220. Wm. R. Bronson, Allegany, 249.  
 221. Wm. H. Coppernoll, Cato, 222.  
 222. Ezra H. Northrop, Cato, 222.  
 223. John R. Fenton, Olive Branch, 356.  
 224. James W. Glover, Chenango, 114.  
 225. John Bowen, Chenango, 114.  
 226. James O. Dodge, Chenango, 114.  
 227. Alanson W. Bartle, Unadilla, 276.  
 228. Levi Bartle, Unadilla, 276.  
 229. William Watson, Brutus, 146.  
 230. Almeron S. Holeomb, Sodus, 338.  
 231. Phillip S. Cottle, Chautauque, 130.  
 232. G. D. Hinckley, Chautauque, 130.  
 233. Chas. F. Matteson, Chautauque, 130.  
 234. Horace Fox, Little Valley, 120.  
 235. S. Van Doran, Ludlowville, 428.  
 236. Edgar Balis, Chatham, 426.  
 237. Wm. S. Prior, Tehaseroran, 48.  
 238. George F. Mignery, Tehaseroran, 48.  
 239. Emory Close, Tehaseroran, 48.  
 240. Edmund Duteher, Wawarsing, 370.  
 241. Edward S. Bradley, Jerieho, 30.  
 242. Samuel E. Lewis, Chenango, 114.  
 243. Solomon Bundy, Chenango, 114.  
 244. Samuel Corrie, Van Epps, 125.

III. Charters have been granted by the Standing Committee for the organization of Rebekah Degree Lodges at the places named below.

Monroe, No. 1, Rochester, Monroe County.  
 Miriam, No. 2, Morrisania, Westchester County.  
 Esther, No. 3, Buffalo, Erie County.  
 Ruth, No. 4, Nyack, Rockland County.  
 Naomi, No. 5, North Pembroke, Genesee County.  
 Good Samaritan, No. 6, Utica, Oneida County.  
 Excelsior, No. 7, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County.  
 United, No. 8, Kingston, Ulster County.  
 Albany, No. 9, Albany, Albany County.

Hope, No. 10, Brockport, Monroe County.  
 Lena, No. 11, Lockport, Niagara County.  
 Van Nort, No. 12, Newburgh, Orange County.  
 Deborah, No. 13, New York City.  
 Concordia, No. 14, New York City.  
 Morrisania, No. 15, Morrisania, Westchester County.  
 Viola, No. 16, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County.  
 Colfax, No. 17, Rondout, Ulster County.  
 Germania, No. 18, Utica, Oneida County.

IV. The receipts at the office of the Grand Secretary during the year have been as follows, which have been duly paid over to Grand Treasurer Jacob Russell:

Assessments.....	\$4,655 30
Cards.....	647 25
Charter Fees.....	930 00
Diplomas.....	46 50
Grand Lodge Cards.....	57 34
Charge and Degree Books.....	116 00
Odes.....	37 45
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	\$6,489 84

V. The footings of the semi-annual reports of Lodges for the year ending with March, 1870, are as follows:

Initiated.....	3,960	Withdrawn by Card.....	603
Admitted by Card.....	520	Suspended.....	1,202
Reinstated.....	342	Deaths.....	199
	<hr/>	Expelled.....	36
Total.....	4,822		<hr/>
		Total.....	2,040
Showing a net increase of.....			2,782
Add membership reported March, 1869.....			17,950
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Total number contributing members .....			20,732

The fiscal work of the Lodges for the same year shows:

Amount paid for relief of brothers.....	\$38,213 77
Amount paid for relief of widows.....	11,819 39
Amount paid for burial of dead.....	8,959 57
Amount paid for education of orphans.....	420 75
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Total relief.....	\$59,413 48
Total revenue.....	\$186,924 79

In this connection I desire to say that during the past year I have been obliged to return for correction the reports of over fifty Lodges.

With the "Statistical Record," adopted at the session of 1868, I am at a loss to determine how these discrepancies could occur, particularly if the several District Deputies or installing officers gave proper attention to their duty in examining the report of each Lodge at the time of installation. Should this examination be properly made, much labor would be saved the Grand Secretary, and enable him to complete his reports at an earlier day.

Otto Lodge, No. 137, has failed to make returns during the past year. The D. D. G. M. writes me, under date of July 18, 1870, as follows: "As for Otto Lodge, No. 137, I regret to say that I am compelled to inform you that, in my opinion, it is *defunct*. They made no report last September, and have not met since October. I have been informed that they do not in-

tend to meet again, for the reason that they have no place to meet, having been obliged to give up their rooms for want of funds. I am informed further that the books and papers are in safe hands, as also the regalia, which is worthless, having been bought in 1848."

He adds that he will give fuller information with regard to the Lodge when he is better able to write.

March 3, 1869, a Dispensation was granted to Dunkirk Lodge, No. 212 (for reinstatement), and a Charter was granted at last session of the Grand Lodge. The D. D. G. M. writes that the Lodge has never been organized, and probably never will be.

In June, 1869, a Dispensation was granted resuscitating Oneacta Lodge, No. 216, at Pine Woods, Madison County. Not having received any report from it, in correspondence with the D. D. G. M. I learned that this Lodge had not organized, and, at my request, he returned me the Charter, together with the original Charter, granted in 1845.

The above Dispensations should be formally revoked.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, which, being printed, was referred to the Committee of Finance without reading.

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

Herewith please find my report in detail, as Grand Treasurer, for the year ending with the 31st day of July, 1870.

Balance on hand August 1, 1869.....	\$1,494.39
Receipts from the Grand Secretary during the year.....	6,489.84

Total.....	\$7,984.23
Payments during the year.....	6,672.10

Balance on hand August 1, 1870.....	\$1,312.13
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Respectfully submitted,

JACOB RUSSELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York in account with JACOB RUSSELL, Grand Treasurer.*

CREDITS.

Aug. 1, 1869. By Balance .....	\$1,494.39
Oct. 13, " By Cash received of C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary .....	3,009.93
Nov. 3, " " " " .....	737.80
Dec. 1, " " " " .....	302.18
Jan. 5, 1870. " " " " .....	338.57
Feb. 9, " " " " .....	239.86
April 6, " " " " .....	744.36
May 9, " " " " .....	179.55
July 27, " " " " .....	132.03
" 30, " " " " .....	805.56

\$7,984.23

DEBITS.

Aug. 19, 1869. Paid G. J. Gardner, P. G. Master, expenses, postage, &c. .	\$ 31.90
" 21, " " Grand Representative tax.....	150.00
" " " E. S. Ralphs, for use of Steinway Hall, three days and evening.....	305.00

Aug. 28, 1869.	Paid Chas. McDonald, Grand Herald.....	\$25.00
Oct. 13,	" Rent of Grand Secretary's Office.....	100.00
" "	" Grand Lodge United States, 100 Cards.....	20.00
" "	" " 10 Charge Books.....	20.00
" "	" " 300 Cards.....	60.00
" "	" " 300 Odes .....	30.00
" "	" Janitor of Steinway Hall .....	20.00
" "	" Office expenses for August.....	48.01
" "	" Grand Lodge United States, 200 Cards .....	40.00
" "	" " 100 Odes.....	10.00
" "	" Office Expenses for September .. .	57.94
" "	" Post-office box rent.....	3.00
" 14,	" Grand Lodge United States, 20 Diplomas.....	10.09
" "	" " 12 Charge and 12 Degree Books.....	48.00
" "	" Grand Lodge United States, 12 Rebekah Deg. Books.	24.00
" "	" " " " 6 " " Installation Books .. .	12.00
Nov. 3,	" C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary, three months' salary ..	500.00
" "	" Office expenses for October .. .	47.50
" "	" T. P. Ford, printing Past Grands' Certificates.....	16.00
" "	" Grand Lodge United States, 500 Cards.....	100.00
" "	" " " 50 Opening and closing in Rebekah Degree ..	5.00
" 19,	" Joseph Seymour's bill for Grand Masters' Jewels....	77.00
Dec. 1,	" Grand Lodge United States, 50 Diplomas.....	25.00
" "	" " 8 Charge Books.....	16.00
" "	" Office expenses for November .. .	17.96
" "	" C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary, one month's salary...	166.66
" 2,	" Bill for printing and supervising the publishing of 500 copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge session of 1869, in the German language; to Gustav Leweck.....	75.00
	To L. Appel and H. Jung.....	225.00
" 23,	" Rent to Odd Fellows' Hall .. .	100.00
" 30,	" Grand Lodge United States, 100 Cards .. .	20.00
" "	" " 200 " .. .	40.00
" "	" " 200 Odes .. .	10.00
Jan. 5, 1870.	" C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary, one month's salary....	166.66
" "	" G. Leweck, for Flag, &c.....	20.25
" "	" C. Straub, for Ice .. .	5.00
" "	" Office expenses for December .. .	29.32
" 20,	" Snyder, Black & Sturn's bill for printing Rebekah Degree Charters .. .	197.50
" 21.	" John Medole, printing, &c.....	1,113.22
Feb. 8,	" Grand Lodge United States, 10 Charge Books.....	20.00
" "	" " 200 Odes .. .	10.00
" "	" " 6 Rebekah Degree Books	12.00
" "	" " 3 Funer'l Ceremon. Ger.	3.00
" "	" " 300 Cards .. .	60.00
" "	" " 10 Installation, Degree of Rebekah .. .	7.50
" "	" " 200 Cards .. .	40.00
" "	" " 200 Odes .. .	10.00
" "	" " 6 Installation Books ..	12.00
" 9,	" C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary, one month's salary....	166.66
" "	" Office expenses for January .. .	24.00
" "	" Post-office box rent.....	3.00
" 17,	" Odd Fellows' Hall, rent of Grand Secretary's Office..	100.00
April 6,	" E. J. Peck, printing.....	9.50
" "	" L. Appel & H. Jung, printing .. .	5.00

April 6, 1870.	Paid Grand Lodge United States, 500 Cards.....	\$100.00
" " "	12 Charge and 12 Degree Books.....	48.00
" " "	12 Rebekah Deg. Books	24.00
" " "	Office expenses for February.....	24.47
" " "	Grand Lodge United States, 6 Charge Books.....	12.00
" " "	N. Y. Central and Hudson River Railroad Co's for freight and charges.....	20.55
" " "	Office Expenses for March.....	61.11
" " "	Post-office box rent .....	3.00
" " "	C. V. Clark, Grand Sec'y, salary for Feb'y and March.	333.33
" 30,	C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary, salary for April. ....	166.67
May 5,	Grand Lodge United States, 50 Diplomas .....	25.00
" " "	6 Degree Books.....	12.00
" " "	200 Cards .....	40.00
" " "	10 Institution Books, Rebekah.....	7.50
" " "	10 Rebekah Degree Books	20.00
" " "	6 Rebekah Degree Installation Books.....	12.00
" " "	200 Cards .....	40.00
" " "	50 Diplomas.....	25.00
" " "	10 Charge Books .....	20.00
" " "	25 Rebekah Certificates..	6.25
" " "	100 Odes.....	5.00
" 9,	Jonas R. Knapp, repairs, &c.....	31.00
" " "	L. Appel & H. Jung, printing.....	45.00
" " "	Office expenses for April.....	36.10
" 21,	Jonas R. Knapp, repairs, &c.....	11.20
" " "	Office expenses for May.....	41.79
" " "	Subscription "Commercial Advertiser".....	9.00
" " "	C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary, salary for May.....	166.67
" " "	Grand Lodge United States, 10 Charge Books .....	20.00
" " "	200 Cards .....	40.00
" " "	200 Odes .....	10.00
" " "	5 Rebekah Deg. Books.	10 00
" " "	5 Rebekah Forms for Dedication.....	5.00
" " "	300 Cards.....	60.00
" 23,	Rent of Grand Secretary's office,.....	100.00
July 5,	C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary, salary for June.....	166.66
" 27,	Post-office box rent to September 30th, 1870.....	3.00
" " "	Office expenses for June.....	30.03
" " "	Grand Lodge United States, 100 Cards..	20.00
" " "	10 Charge Books .....	20.00
" " "	10 Degree and 6 Charge Books.....	32.00
" " "	1 Form Book.....	2.00
" 30,	C. V. Clark. Grand Secretary. one month's salary.,..	166.69
" 31,	Office expenses for July.....	61.25
" " "	John Medole, printing.....	108.25
	Balance.....	\$1,312.13
	Total... ..	\$7,984.23

Aug. 1, 1870. By balance..... \$1,312.13

The following report of the Standing Committee of Grand Officers was submitted by the Grand Secretary. The reading was

dispensed with, and it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, when appointed.

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, September 22, 1869. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark.

A petition was received from John C. Gray, P. G., M. W. Hutton, P. G., Andrew J. Bowen, P. G., H. S. Hall, P. G., James C. Eroe, P. V. G., and Dana Fenton, P. R. Sec., formerly members of ELLICOTT LODGE, No. 296, located at Jamestown, Chautauqua County, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, asking to have their Charter restored.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Dispensation be issued in place of the Charter surrendered, and the number filled with 221.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, October 19, 1869. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Israel M. Peck, John Sanders, John Passmore, William Barnett and Andrew Keller, formerly members of STAFFORD LODGE, No. 74, located at Stafford, in the county of Genesee, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, asking to have their Charter restored.

The application was accompanied by a recommendation from the District Grand Committee of Genesee.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Dispensation be issued in place of the Charter surrendered, and the number filled with 222.

A petition was presented from Brothers Charles Kiehl, P. G., Jacob Stork, P. G., William Horpf, Henry Müller, John Bartruff, William Schaumann, George Wehner, Charles Buhrow, George Springstein, George Backert, John A. Bomhard, George F. Jung, August Hils, Max Braun, Charles Köhler, August Fent, John Valentine, George Hollinger, Martin Thorwarth and Adam Hartleib, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of Brooklyn, E. D., to be known and greeted as SOCRATES LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from the Grand Committee of Kings, District No. 2.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 223.

A petition was received from G. Henry Roberts, P. G., Julia Roberts, G. Underhill, P. G., Odalia Underhill, Charles M. Syme, P. G., Elizabeth Syme, Daniel E. Harris, P. G., Fidelia Harris, William W. Parsells, P. G., Martha P. Parsells, J. W. Leonard, P. G., Emily J. Leonard, Joseph Beir, P. G., Caroline Beir, W. F. Parry, P. G., Isabella Parry, A. L. Davis, P. G., Elizabeth Davis, Joseph Gerstner, P. G., Catharine Gerstner, T. A. Summers, P. G., Mary A. Summers, Daniel Wood, P. G., and Mary F. Wood, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Rochester, in the county of Monroe, to be known and greeted as MONROE REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 1.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, November 3, 1869. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers August Nagel, John Goeckle, John B. Schneider, George Abraham, Charles Schmand, Peter Hoffman, Paul Miller, August Pipo, Christian Sauerwein, Frederick Mehrpahl, John Peters, Fred. Mussehl, John L. Derr, Rudolph Gunold, Moses Straus, Adam Kohlbacher, John Fischer, Louis Hoffman, Herman Brehn and Henry Rice, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of Buffalo, county of Erie, to be known and greeted as ORIENTAL LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied by a recommendation from the District Grand Committee of Erie.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Dispensation be issued, and the blank filled with the number 224.

A petition was also received from Duncan Macarthur, P. G., Jane Macarthur, James C. Anderson, Annie M. Anderson, William R. Collins, P. G., Robert J. Pond, P. G., Susan Pond, James Hardwick, Elizabeth Hardwick, Walter Wells, P. G., Charles H. White, P. G., James C. H. White, P. G., Leander K. Bingham, Anna M. Bingham, George H. Odell, Hannah Odell, Emma Gruner, John Turner, Mary A. Turner, R. J. Brabham, Lena Brabham, John P. Müller, Margaret Müller, William Renison, Jane L. Renison, Henry Schoppert, Thomas Gruner, John Kubins, P. G., Augusta Kubins, Albert Hardwick, Lucy A. Hardwick, John Tyrrell and P. H. Tyrrell, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located in Morrisania, Westchester County, to be known and greeted as MIRIAM REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 2.

A design was presented by Grand Warden E. S. Ralphs of a Charter for Rebekah Degree Lodges, the price not to exceed \$195.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That a Charter, like the design presented, be prepared, the price not to exceed the amount specified.

*Resolved*, That the design be adopted, and one hundred copies ordered.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, December 1, 1869. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Henry Bundy, John Smith, Christian Ecklekamp, John Gooding, William Gothard, Charles Hahn, Ellery A. Andrews, John Schranner, James Rosell, James Parsons, Peter A. Ackerman, George M. Brown, Henry Bretnets, Robert Hanks, Detrick Funk, Alexander Stewart, John Slinger, Carl Sheckell, John Leister and B. Holt, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, to be known and greeted as CERES LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from Kings, District No. 1.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 225.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, December 17, 1869. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Fred. Elmiger, Conrad Lampe, Henry Ch. Büll, Henrich Seidel, Henry Lilenthal, Arend Meyer, Wilhem Seidel, Joseph Moore, Carl Steinkamp, Henry Aug. Grefe, Ernst Sievers, Charles Willett, H. Uhlhorn, No. 2, Wilhem Dörr, Albert Schumacker, Christian Sievers, Henry Steinke, Henrich Heinsohn, H. Uhlhorn, No. 1, Charles Gern, George Wernersbach. Diedrich Hauschildt, Heinrich Neiniéyer, Louis Kutscher, August Lampe, H. T. Baumgart, Peter Litt, Fr. Unckelbach, D. Schmidt and Michael Hoefling, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of New York, to be known and greeted as MOZART LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied by a recommendation of District Grand Committee No. 4 of the county of New York.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank be filled with the number 226.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, December 20, 1869. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Frederick Reaber, N. G., John Rost, Andrew Schennerer, Henry Boss, William Knittel, Frederick Knicht, George Steinert, Henry Happman, Richard Nagelschmidt, Emanuel King, Jacob Fehr, Caspar Sauter, A. Frederick, Robert Frank, Jonathan Levi, Pfeiffer Levi, Julius Ballert, Ernst Lucas, Frederick Link and Henry Gray, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of Schenectady, county of Schenectady, to be known and greeted as SCHENECTADY LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from the Grand Committee of the District of Schenectady.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 227.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, December 23, 1869. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers John S. Green, P. G., Edward N. Spencer, P. G., John Drake, P. G., William Case, C. R. Bellows, P. G., Niles Fairbanks, M. Woderkirk, P. G., W. H. Demarest, James Berry, M. D., P. G., A. Simmons, N. D. Phelps, Alex. J. Kasson and Sherman W. Case, formerly members of GLOVERSVILLE LODGE, No. 84, located at Gloversville, in the county of Fulton, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, asking to have their Charter restored.

The application was accompanied by a recommendation from the District Grand Committee of Montgomery and Fulton.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Dispensation be issued in place of the Charter surrendered, and the blank filled with the number 228.

A petition was received from Charles W. Hinson, P. G., Oscar B. Woodward, P. G., Elizabeth Woodward, Joseph E. Strass, Fredereka Strass, James S. Irwin, P. G., Amelia A. Irwin, George C. Cook, N. G., Alice C. Cook, Eugene C. Sirret, P. G., and Sarah L. Sirret, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located in the city of Buffalo, county of Erie, to be known and greeted as **ESTHER REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. ——**.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 3.

A petition was received from George H. Cook, P. G., N. Puff, P. G., R. B. Eells, P. G., A. Taylor, P. G., James E. Smith, L. W. Coat, P. G., A. A. Scank, James Ketchell, William Slater, D. F. Acherson, P. G., Jacob Seibert, N. Blauvelt, P. G., J. N. Perry, Margaret Puff, Christina Gesner, Patience E. Cook, C. A. Smith, L. A. Ketchell, Margaret Perry, Julia Taylor, Caroline Oppenheimer and Ella Seibert, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Nyack, in the county of Rockland, to be known and greeted as **RUTH REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. ——**.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 4.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, January 19, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Joseph Lye, Edward Beisinger, Mathaus Armbruster, Conrad Bromm, Frank G. Schumer, Helfrich Bromm, A. Jackson Hyatt, William Henry Lown, Peter Mann and James Epps, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at White Plains, in the county of Westchester, to be known and greeted as **HERRON LODGE, No. ——**.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from the District Grand Committee of Westchester and Putnam.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 229.

A petition was received from H. Stone, P. G., E. N. Stone, P. G., Samuel Waldron, Jr., P. G., W. McMurphy, P. G., Aaron C. Parker, Frank Lincoln, A. S. Whitney, Robert G. Fowles, P. G., Joseph Cook, Martin Brown, William A. Burroughs, Andrew Berg, L. E. Arnold, P. G., Mary Stone, J. E. Arnold, Mary Waldron, C. M. Parker, M. Cook, Harriet M. Fowles and Mary Whitney, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at North Pembroke, county of Genesee, to be known and greeted as **NAOMI REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. ——**.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 5.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to procure copies of blank charters of Rebekah Degree Lodges in German.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, January 26, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Samuel H. Hanauer, P. G., Isaac Tapping, P. G., William England, P. G., Thomas D. Evans, P. G., Walter Button, P. G., William

B. Monroe, P. G., George Cessford, P. G., I. T. Hamilton, P. G., Robert Ferguson, P. G., Mrs. Samuel H. Hanauer, Mrs. Nettie Barringer, Mrs. L. A. Swerifager, Mrs. L. B. Rolling, Mrs. W. Button, Mrs. J. Findlay, Mrs. Libbie Luce, Mrs. P. V. Wilson, Mrs. D. D. Betts, Mrs. Samuel Hardcastle, Mrs. S. J. Wilcox, Mrs. A. E. Lincoln, Mrs. George Cessford, Mrs. A. Wicks, Mrs. M. E. Redner, Mrs. Joanna Hamilton and Mrs. A. J. Ferguson, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at the city of Utica, Oneida County, to be known and greeted as GOOD SAMARITAN REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 6.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, February 17, 1870. }

Present: Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Stephen Scofield, P. G., Henry F. Clark, Samuel Mott, P. G., Lawrence W. Dutcher, P. S. Rowland, P. G., J. Cumming, J. D. Melrose, J. D. Neal, P. G., W. C. Turck, H. B. Hof, N. C. Quintan, J. B. Dixon, J. B. Osborne, O. H. Drew, P. G., A. Wimpelberg, G. L. Dennis, J. J. Piersaull, J. George, P. G., J. A. George, J. W. Van Anden, D. Peterkin, H. Hupe, J. L. Wigg, H. D. Wigg, W. Kahant, F. J. Nesbitt, P. G., J. Bassnett, G. W. Vanden, T. J. Zimmer, A. Van Sicklen, W. Haubennestel, G. F. Sloan, A. Winter, A. G. Rothery, P. G., J. Smithson, R. Styles, Jr., J. Adams, E. W. Shurter, P. G., M. Goldstone, P. G., Charles Osborne, William E. Cornell, John W. Waldorf, Charles H. Case, Theodore J. Bayler, John Stone, R. Stokey, F. W. Proctor, Philip Rosenbaum, Letitia Scofield, Mary E. Mott, Mary A. Rowland, Maria Melrose, Margaret Turck, Delia Turck, Sophia Van Anden, Margaret George, Mary Pollock, Kate A. Cornell, Kate E. Osborn, Margaret M. Sloan, Mary E. Wheeler, Ann Eliza Van Anden, Jennie M. Bulson, Yettie Rosenbaum, Alice Haubennestel, Mary Piersaull, Mrs. A. Van Sicklen, Sarah D. Marshall, Dorette Hupe, Erie Wigg, Sarah J. Cumming, Barbara Winter, Sarah Rothery, Addie Smithson, M. Wimpelberg, Catharine Zemmer, Kate S. Clark, Harriet A. Wigg, Abby Ann Kahant, Rachael Hart, Mrs. R. Styles, Jr., Martha A. Adams, Magdaline E. Dennis, Kate B. Broas, Helena Wooden, Caroline Goldstone, Mary Dixon, Phebe Pells, Martha Waldorf, Sarah M. Case, Mary A. Bayler and Julia A. Proctor, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Poughkeepsie, in the county of Dutchess, to be known and greeted as EXCELSIOR REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 7.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, February 23, 1870. }

Present: Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Jacob Kramer, John Thomas Beck, Louis Appel, Frederick Eberhard, George Meyer, Edward Fritz, Julius Lang, Andreas Swarz, Frederick Klonz, Adam Fischer, Louis Junger, Joseph Kuntz, H. Ehrenfeld, Louis Dreyfuss, F. J. Wenigmann, Adolph Nickel, Jos. Wenigmann, Christian Berck, Louis Ebeling, Edward Weinert, Carl Reck, H. Schonberger, William John, V. Loener, Daniel Kenn, W. Nichoff, Julius Roedick, M. Dugro, Charles Kuestner and Ferdinand Buhmann, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of New York, to be known and

greeted as HENRY CLAY LODGE, No. —, said Lodge to work in the German language.

The application was accompanied by a recommendation of District Grand Committee No. 4 of the city and county of New York.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank be filled with the number 230.

A petition was also received from Brothers Frederick Gettner, P. G., Edward Michelis, William Ewald, Charles Hiller, Fred. Botzenhardt, Charles Copmann, George H. Rennemann, Rudolph Brossemann, Hermann Lüttich, Frederick Hildebrandt, Frank Renner, Charles Finck, Bernhard Fiss, Mattheus Vollmar, Daniel Oswald, Gustav Kaufmann, Richard Bornmüller, Emil Hoffman, George Döringer, Peter Biersack, Edward Fischer, Christopher Grab, Valentine Williams, Charles Schuler, Louis Höhn, Adolph Schönnewitz, George Kernberger, Engelhardt Strittmatter, George Becker and Charles Kreuter, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of New York, to be known and greeted as ARNDT LODGE, No. —, said Lodge to work in the German language.

The application was accompanied by a recommendation of District Grand Committee No. 4 of the county of New York.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank be filled with the number 231.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, {  
CITY OF NEW YORK, March 2, 1870. }

Present: Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers C. S. Clay, P. G., Samuel Frame, P. G., Henry Dates, Jesse L. Van Gasbeck, Barney McBride, John Van Gasbeck, William R. Wolven, Anthony McClung, Amariah L. Near, Frederick F. Peters, Mrs. Elmira Frame, Levina Dates, Amelia Van Bramer, Louisa Youngs, Cora Tice, Barbara Totter, Sarah Van Gasbeck and Emeline J. Near, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Kingston, in the county of Ulster, to be known and greeted as UNITED REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 8.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, {  
CITY OF NEW YORK, March 8, 1870. }

Present: Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit. Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers John Platter, P. G., Edward Gebhardt, P. G., Frank Herbrandt, P. G., Henry Wagner, P. G., Frederick Brandis, August Keil, George Appel, Richard Foster, John Gschwind, Louis Brumett, Frank Weingetz, Henry Sonneman, George Kimerer, Fred. Kohler, Fred. J. Schmidt, Mrs. Rosa Platter, Mary Gebhardt, Catharine Gebhardt, Elizabeth Wagner, Christina Keil, Margareth Appel, Maria Foster, Doretta Sonneman, Louisa Kohler, S. Schmidt, Catharine Hedderich, Julia A. Spitz, Salomina Michel and Henrietta Seyfarth, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at the city of Utica, in the county of Oneida, to be known and greeted as GERMANIA REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —, said Lodge to work in the German language.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 8.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

The number was subsequently changed to 18, the former number having been given to another Lodge.

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, March 23, 1870. }

Present: Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit. Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Eli Shuffelbotham, P. G., Isaac Hotchkiss, P. G., Eugenie Hotchkiss, W. H. Vanderbilt, P. G., H. C. Haskell, P. G., A. Ballentine, C. B. Plass, Anna W. Plass, A. C. Roe, P. G., Julia A. Roe, Andrew Roe, Sr., P. G., Edward Roe, P. G., William Egginton, P. G., D. P. Read, D. W. Ward, G. McFarland, P. G., J. Van Alstyne, P. G., E. Leary, P. G., R. G. Hendrie, H. C. A. Sauer, P. G., Catharine E. Sauer, W. S. Low, Jr., Louisa S. Low, William Crow, Jr., P. G., Mary Crow, W. J. Haight, P. G., R. P. Cook, William Lacy, P. G., John Kiernan, Eliza Kiernan, J. J. Van Bramer, P. G., C. D. Ertzberger and C. Bell, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at the city of Albany, in the county of Albany, to be known and greeted as ALBANY REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 9.

A petition was also received from William Bradford, P. G., Alonzo Barnes, P. G., A. P. Butts, P. G., Thomas Hammon. Henry McCue, Benjamin Maxon, John Cooper, William Thompson, Mary Jane Barnes, S. J. Butts, Anna Hammon, Arminda Maxon and Mary Jane Cooper, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Brockport, in the county of Monroe, to be known and greeted as HOPE REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued and the blank filled with the number 10.

A petition was received from L. H. Hill, P. G., Thomas R. Baily, P. G., George S. Smith, Edwin Saxton, Joshua R. Scholfield, Mrs. Libbie Saxton, Kate George, Priscilla Cocker, Mary Few and Mary Scholfield, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Lockport, in the county of Niagara, to be known and greeted as LENA REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 11.

A petition was received from John F. Van Nort, P. G., William J. Morris, John De Lancy, Benjamin W. Lozier, Anthony W. Latour, James T. Van Dalfsen, Charles Smith, Martin V. B. Sanford, Edmund Carter, Samuel S. Jones, Mrs. Catharine A. Parmenter, Hester A. Morris, Cornelia De Lancy, Maria Lozier, Anna Lena Latour, Sarah Van Dalfsen, Hannah M. Smith, Annie Sanford and Mary Jane Carter, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Newburgh, in the county of Orange, to be known and greeted as VAN NORT REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 12.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
NEW YORK CITY, March 30, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Robert B. Light, William Skidgell, Charles A. Poole, E. L. Losehenkhol, Henry Symons, J. N. Kuhn and John G. C. Macfarlane, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Yonkers, in the county of Westchester, to be known and greeted as YONKERS LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from the District of Westchester and Putnam.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 232.

A petition was received from Louis Loewenstein, P. G., Herman Katz, P. G., Isidor Oser, Samuel Hoffmann, Solomon Rawitch, Leopold Kraus, Caroline Loewenstein, Minna Steiner, Antonie Kraus, Mary Kohn, Matilda Guger, Matilda Rawitch, Catharine Struhler, Elizabeth Popper, Caroline Mothner, Catharine Neher, Rosalia Hardt and Mary A. Veit, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located in the city of New York, to be known and greeted as DEBORAH REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 13.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, April 11, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Henry Dixon, P. G., David Morris, P. G., William Chester, P. G., Samuel F. Bartlett, P. G., Jason H. Whittier, P. G., John H. Sands, P. G., W. W. Johnson, P. G., Henry J. Fox, P. G., W. D. Jones, P. G., Alfred T. Frost, James J. Abbott, E. E. Griffith, James H. McClain, George W. Kidd, William Hines, Peter Burchell, Atkins Stover, William B. Lewis, L. Pickup, Louis Bissell, William A. Bunkir, Walter H. Holmes, Gideon W. Beebe, James W. Valentine, C. Bruhl, Thomas Howell and H. V. Talmage, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Greenpoint, in the county of Kings, to be known and greeted as OLIVE LEAF LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from Kings District, No. 2.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 233.

A petition was received from Carl Louis Gutweiler, Friederika Gutweiler, Margaretha Heim, Gertrude Würth, Catharine Nuss, Catharine Gatterdam, Margaretha Freund, Rosa Weil, Franz Gatterdam, B. J. Heim, Magdalena Heim, Christina Kretchmar, Margaretha Steiger, Charles Steiger, P. G., Catharina Steiger, Sophia Kaestner, Susanna Keifeldorf, Ieatina Seyfert, Anna Burkhardt, Catharina Seiter, Anna Kuistner, Louisa Konig, Eliza Begeman, Florian F. König, Phillip Begeman, Marie Strattner, Magdalena Leréking, Halena Haffner, Emile Kaiser, Rosa Thon, Marie Guthardt, Anna Strobel, Susanna Ernst, Eliza Shomberg, Anna Beck and Catharina Janger, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located in the city of New York, to be known and greeted as CONCORDIA REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 14.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, {  
CITY OF NEW YORK, April 20, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Nathan Bass, C. A. Baaden, August Maywald, S. Sopreck, F. Furthman, William Miller, F. Rotzel, A. Ellinger, John Sayer, H. Kurtzman, Albert Marrer, E. Heinke, John V. Mayer, Fred. Klein, Jacob Oswald, John Schmidt, L. Stelzer, J. Schneider, Charles Waters, John C. Endress, Ludwig Hatzfield, John P. Munster, H. Wande, D. Lange, William Stiegler, John C. Blanke, Robert Hoppen, Charles Manden, John Dreifuss and Martin Held, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of New York, to be known and greeted as PEABODY LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from District No. 4, New York City.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 234.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, {  
CITY OF NEW YORK, May 4, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers C. M. Lusk, P. G., Leander Rood, Levi W. Glezen, P. G., N. B. Woodworth, P. G., Ira S. Cook, Solomon Glezen and Orrin Dickinson, P. G., formerly members of Centre Lisle Lodge, No. 478, located at Centre Lisle, in the county of Broome, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, asking to have their Charter restored.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and a Dispensation be issued in place of the Charter surrendered, and the number filled with 235.

A petition was presented from Brothers Alois Widman, Oscar N. Crane, Clark M. Marsh, Charles H. Marsh and Chauncey A. Runyan, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Canandaigua, in the county of Ontario, to be known and greeted as CANANDAIGUA LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 236.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, {  
CITY OF NEW YORK, May 11, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Hugo Retzlaff, Jacob Schlieher, Ernst F. Enek, John Reis, Berthold Bing, Conradt Helmuth, C. Zimmermann, Gustav Voss, Joseph Minarzich, Julius Reiwald, William Meyer, Carl Kehn, Daniel Welde, Joseph

Busch, Carl Wiedeke, Frederick Heyde, Peter Enler, August Erdman, Edward Müller, Carl Seiffert, K. W. Klein, Frederick Kantz, Christian Olt, Carlos Goetz, Henry Wermuth, Ed. Schultz, Charles Holanetz, C. Armbrust, George Ilmitzer and E. Michel, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at the city of New York, to be known and greeted as ZSCHOKKE LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from District No. 4, New York City.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 237.

A petition was received from John Matthes, P. G., Margaretha Matthes, Jacob Kreutzer, P. G., Catharina Kreutzer, Conrad Friederich, P. G., Maria Friederich, John Weber, Reinhardt Zimmermann and Maria Zimmermann, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Morrisania, in the county of Westchester, to work in the German language, to be known and greeted as MORRISANIA REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 15.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, May 20, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from William Gould, P. G. M., W. M. Bennett, P. G., A. Wilcox, Eugene C. Sirret, P. G., M. N. Jones, James Kennelly, Charles W. Hinson, P. G., George C. Cook, Nelson J. Rosengren, J. W. Gilman, H. Weaver, N. W. Thomas, E. C. Hotchkiss, George S. Abbot, P. G., Jerome J. Stickney, John C. Maury, W. C. Gould, G. C. Miller, E. C. Robbins, Albert M. Barnett, D. J. Miller, Nicholas Dilfer, John H. Hunter, Alphonse Dagenais, Eli Fontaine, D. K. Hill and Charles E. Beardsley, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of Buffalo, county of Erie, to be known and greeted as RED JACKET LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from the District of Erie.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 238.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, May 30, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Cornelius Van Duyne, John Walker, A. Galloway, G. C. Adams and Joseph Wilson, P. G., formerly members of Gowanus Lodge, No. 423, located in South Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, asking to be restored to the rights and privileges of a Working Lodge of Odd Fellows.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Dispensation be issued, said Lodge to be known and greeted as GOWANUS LODGE, No. 239.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, June 10, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Louis Lueddeke, Rensselaer Fisher, Jane Fisher, D. G. Marquart, Ann E. Marquart, William Van Etten, Harriet Van Etten, Daniel H. Guilfoil, George O. Stickle, Margaret Stickle, L. C. Minor, John W. Stickle, C. Stickle, Maria J. Burnett, Jacob Heeb, Dewitt M. Van Wey and Solomon B. Roome, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be loca'ed at Rhinebeck, in the county of Dutchess, to be known and greeted as VIOLA REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 16.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, July 1, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark.

A petition was received from Brothers L. F. Tyler, Theodore P. Calkin, E. A. Wheeler, J. H. Mitchell, Moritz Glier and William C. Irvine, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Cocheeton, in the county of Sullivan, to be known and greeted as ADELPHI LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 240.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, July 8, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was presented from Brothers W. R. Bronson, P. G., W. P. Stevens, P. G., F. G. Stebbins, W. W. Cole and H. Shewman, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Cuba, in the county of Allegany, to be known and greeted as VALLEY POINT LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 241.

A petition was also received from Alexander E. Dougherty, P. G., John E. Leeds, P. G., Matthew W. Leetch, Ann Leetch, Jeremiah J. Scully, Lizzie Scully, Garret E. Du Bois, Jr., P. G., Sarah E. Du Bois, Alexander Mitchell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Samuel H. Wood, Jennie A. Wood and Julia Schultz, asking for the institution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, to be located at Rondout, in the county of Ulster, to be known and greeted as COLFAX REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. —.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter be issued, and the blank filled with the number 17.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, July 20, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers H. Schimcowitz, H. Arensdorf, L. Meyer, B. Rosenberg, P. Posner, J. Bernstein, J. Levy, A. Cohen, E. Amrheir, F. Yoerg, L. L. Löevy, S. Spiegel, L. Warschawsky, C. Gottschalk, P. Gerson, A. Grunwald, H. Simon, H. Peck, A. Fischer, L. Spitzer, J. Blumenthal, C. Eitzert, J. Grunwald, S. Berg, L. Blumenthal, L. Marks, H. Epstein, M. Grunwald, A. Burnstein, B. Cohn, J. Fischer, E. Eder, S. Baranwitz, A. Helmeck, J. Helmeck, D. Behrman and I. Levin, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located in the city of New York, to be known and greeted as COLFAX LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from District No. 4, New York City.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 242.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, July 25, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers Lewis B. Keeler, P. G., S. B. McIntyre, Richard L. Prichard, Clarence A. Hersey and Albert E. Duell, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Palmyra, in the county of Wayne, to be known and greeted as PIERIAN LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from the Deputy Grand Master.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 243.

A petition was also received from George E. Williams, N. W. Otman, George C. Cooper, J. B. Corrie, William H. Sisson, W. J. Baker, Jr., R. P. Alger, John H. Case and James F. Corrie, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Fulton, in the county of Oswego, to be known and greeted as NEAHTAWANTA LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from the District of Oswego.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 245.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

IN STANDING COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY OF NEW YORK, August 1, 1870. }

Present : Grand Master Nicholas L. Pettit, Grand Warden Edwin S. Ralphs, Grand Sec. Charles V. Clark, Grand Treas. Jacob Russell.

A petition was received from Brothers H. C. Reynolds, P. G., Elias Goodman, P. G., William Hunt, Hiram Slagle, Ralph Brown, P. G., W. W. Bowles, John Brown, John B. Miller, William C. Murphy, Robert C. Baldwin, B. Levine, E. H. Corbusier, F. B. Ball, J. T. Van Winkle, P. G., William N. Baldwin, Fritz Meyer, Alexander Hay, William P. Downs, Charles Sulzer and William C. Boyd, holding legal Withdrawal Cards, asking for the institution of a Working Lodge, to be located at Yorkville, in the county of New York, to be known and greeted as YORKVILLE LODGE, No. —.

The application was accompanied with a recommendation from District No. 6, New York City.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the blank filled with the number 244.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

The Committee of Finance made the following report on the financial accounts of the year just closing. The report was accepted.

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

**OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:** The undersigned, members of your Finance Committee, would respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, with proper vouchers, and the amounts of receipts and expenditures for the year ending July 31, 1870, and find them correct.

The receipts for the year 1869-70 have been as follows :

Assessments from Subordinate Lodges.	\$4,655.30	Dues paid for Grand Lodge	
Visiting and Clearance Cards ..	647.25	Cards .....	\$57.34
Charge Books.....	96.00	Diplomas.....	46.50
Degree and Installation Books.	20.00	Odes.....	37.45
Charter Fees for Working Lodges.....	570.00		—
Charter Fees for Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	360.00	Balance in hands of Treasurer Aug. 1, 1869.....	6,489.84
Total.....			1,494.39
			—
			\$7,984.23

The disbursements for the year have been as follows, viz. :

Grand Representative Tax.....	\$150.00	Printing in German.....	\$350 00
3,400 Visiting and Clearance Cards.....	680.00	" Rebekah Charters....	197.50
94 Charge Books.....	188.00	George J. Gardner, postage and printing .....	31.90
40 Degree Books.....	80.00	Joseph Seymour, Grand Masters' Jewels.....	77.00
45 Rebekah Degree Books.....	90.00	J. R. Knapp, repairs to Grand Secretary's office.....	42.20
18 Installation Books.....	36.00	Gustav Leweck, Grand Lodge Flag.....	20.25
170 Diplomas.....	85.00	Express charges, Proceedings G. L. U. S. from California..	20.55
1,300 Odes .....	85 00	Post-office box .....	12.00
20 Rebekah Institution Books...	15.00	Commercial Advertiser, subscription.....	9.00
Opening and Closing Rebekah Degree.....	5.00	C. Straub.....	5.00
Forms, Dedications, Certificates, etc .....	16.25		—
Salary of Grand Secretary .....	2,000.00	Balance in hands of Grand Treas. July 31, 1870.....	\$6,672.10
Salary of Grand Herald.....	25.00		1,312.13
Office expenses, postage, stationery and express charges.....	479.48		—
Rent Grand Secretary's office...	400 00		\$7,984.23
Rent Steinway Hall and janitor.	325.00		
Printing.....	1,246.97		
Total.....			

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL G. MILLARD,  
GEORGE HASKINS,  
GEORGE JUDSON,  
GEORGE SMITH,  
CHARLES VANDERVOORT.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of officers, P. G. M's John G. Clayton and George Smith presenting the several officers elect.

The Grand Master elect, DANIEL WOOD, being presented and solemnly qualified, Grand Master Pettit addressed him as follows:

Most WORTHY SIR: Now that the formal ceremony of installing you into the honorable and responsible office of Grand Master has been performed, permit me to congratulate you upon your elevation to this high position, and to remind you that, as this honor has been conferred by your brethren, they have the right to expect that the best interests of the Order they love shall receive your first attention, and be promoted by every effort in your power. Such has been the demand which the fraternity has made on all preceding Grand Masters; such will be the demand which, for the ensuing year, they will make upon you.

I trust you will not deem it obtrusive in me to call your attention to this fact. Having borne the burden of official duty for twelve months, and knowing something of its weight, a retiring Grand Master is prepared to give a word of admonition to him who is about to assume such onerous duties. Onerous and varied they will be—each succeeding year making them more so. As the Order increases in number and in influence, more and more will be the questions, the complications, the necessities and opportunities for official interposition. But be not discouraged, my brother. You bring to the office long experience, large acquaintance with the needs of the fraternity, and with the laws which exist for its government; and when these most desirable qualifications are employed honestly, and with impartial zeal, you may confidently rely upon the co-operation and favor of your brethren. With these added to your own gifts, your labor will become a labor of love, a delight to your own heart, a benefit to all interested. I know you appreciate this, my brother, and it is in the full assurance of your ability, your earnest zeal, your determined fidelity to the duties now resting upon you, that I cordially greet you as the executive head of the Order in the Empire State, and proclaim you Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of New York.

Thus, brethren, have I performed my last official act. On other shoulders now rests the responsibility which, one year ago, you placed on mine. Returning to you all my sincere thanks for this honor, for your generous support throughout my administration, for the many expressions of kind feeling I have received from you, I return now to your midst to aid you by every means in my power in promoting the welfare of our beloved Order.

Before assuming the chair Grand Master Wood addressed the retiring Grand Master and the Grand Lodge as follows:

M. W. RETIRING GRAND MASTER: It is with no small degree of pleasure, commingled with a sense of undeserved merit and feelings of no ordinary solicitude, that I have listened to the very complimentary words you have just pronounced in my hearing.

Let me assure you that I have not been unmindful of the onerous duties which are about to devolve upon me, and of the momentous trust which is soon to be confided to my care, to which you have so eloquently and impressively alluded.

It may not, forsooth, be considered arrogant in me to suggest that an ex-

perience of over twenty-three years in our noble Order, and the time, labor and study constantly devoted to its laws, principles and practical benefits during that period, will not tend to disqualify me for the important mission before me.

Those who know me best will readily concede that I have never shrunk from the discharge of any obligation imposed upon me in Odd Fellowship, but, on the contrary, I have ever cheerfully striven to fulfill the same, in a manner commensurate with my humble ability.

Indeed, no true Odd Fellow can occupy the distinguished position to which I have been elevated without *feeling deeply* the magnitude of the responsibility which accompanies its *honors*. Whatever misgivings I may have upon this subject, I shall endeavor with all the zeal, ability and fidelity which I possess, to discharge my duty, my whole duty, and nothing but my duty.

It affords me much satisfaction, my dear brother, to be able to compliment you for the eminent success that has attended your official term, which has so favorably terminated. You, sir, are now relieved from the burdens of office, and retire to the retreat of greater repose, with the good wishes and approval of the great brotherhood you have so faithfully served. "May you ever be animated by the pure principles of Odd Fellowship, and may your life and conduct afford no reproach to the *new character* which you have this day assumed," viz., the distinguished title of a "Past Grand Master" of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the great State of New York.

REPRESENTATIVES: Permit me to tender to you, and through you to the constituency you represent, my unfeigned gratitude for the confidence reposed in me, and the distinguished honor conferred in thus elevating me to the exalted office into which I have just been installed. You are truly the representatives of a great brotherhood! You are the Senate of the Order in this broad and extended jurisdiction; I, for the time being, its executive head.

It is your prerogative to legislate for the common good; mine to see not only that the laws and ordinances which you shall enact are faithfully executed, but also that the mandates and decisions of the Order be duly respected and properly obeyed.

We are, therefore, intimately associated in our spheres of action, to originate and carry out whatever shall best promote the general interest, welfare and prosperity of the great brotherhood intrusted to our charge.

Long experience in this Order and a close observation of its practical workings have taught me the propriety of avoiding, as far as possible, hasty and inconsiderate legislation. I venture to advise, therefore, that all your acts and proceedings be characterized with that caution, deliberation and wisdom which distinguish the intelligent and dignified body over which I have the honor to preside. And should I err in the discharge of my official duties in presiding over your deliberations, may I rely upon your generosity to pardon any imperfections and delinquencies in me in this regard?

It is with much satisfaction that I have listened to the very able report of our worthy Junior Past Grand Master, presented at this session, exhibiting the healthy condition, the increased interest and the general prosperity and advancement of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction.

May the All-Seeing Eye watch over our deliberations, and may all our acts and proceedings redound to the glory and still greater prosperity of the grand and ennobling cause in which we are engaged!

The installation of officers was continued in ample form in the following order:

EDWIN S. RALPHS, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

WILLIAM LACY, R. W. Grand Warden.

CHARLES V. CLARK, R. W. Grand Secretary.

JACOB RUSSELL, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master announced the following appointive officers, who, upon confirmation by the Grand Lodge, were installed in their respective offices:

Rev. J. DUNBAR HOUGHTON, of Wenona Lodge, No. 111, W. Grand Chaplain.

G. HENRY ROBERTS, of Canandaigua Lodge, No. 236, W. Grand Marshal.

A. B. CALDWELL, of Alleghania Lodge, No. 183, W. Grand Conductor.

STEPHEN L. PRESTON, of Middletown Lodge, No. 112, W. Grand Guardian.

CHARLES MACDONALD, of National Lodge, No. 30, W. Grand Herald.

Rep. Glen submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That P. G. M. Nicholas L. Pettit be invited to participate in the deliberation and action of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

*Resolved*, That P. G. M. Nicholas L. Pettit be requested to furnish a copy of his valedictory address, and Grand Master Daniel Wood a copy of his inaugural, and that the same be printed in the Journal of this session.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees, which, on motion, were confirmed:

#### *Committee of Finance.*

Rep. ROYAL G. MILLARD,	Empire	Lodge, No. 64.
" GEORGE SMITH,	National	" " 30.
" GEORGE F. MILLER,	Montauk	" " 114.
" WILLIAM P. HOLLAND,	Ark	" " 28.
" CHARLES VANDERVOORT,	Ocean	" " 110.
" ROBERT J. MORGAN,	Onondaga	" " 79.
" WILLIAM G. STEWART,	Rochester City	" " 66.
" JOHN V. EFNER,	Parma	" " 199.
" MILTON RUDE,	Jordan	" " 215.

#### *Committee of Correspondence.*

Rep. JOHN MEDOLE,	Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 22.
" H. C. REYNOLDS,	" " 201.
" GEORGE POPPLE,	" " 85.

*Committee of Appeals.*

Rep.	DANIEL P. BARNARD,	King Solomon Lodge, No. 211.
"	JOHN H. WHITE,	Albion " " 58.
"	WILLIAM GOULD,	Red Jacket " " 238.
"	MYER STERN,	Mount Sinai " " 135.
"	ABRAHAM LENT,	Greenwich " " 40.
"	THOMAS P. ST. JOHN,	Ithaca " " 71.
"	ELIJAH WHITE,	Ogdensburg " " 98.
"	JOHN B. DEMONET,	Concorde " " 43.
"	JACOB FONDA,	Genesee " " 3.

*Committee of Laws of Subordinates.*

Rep.	M. B. PITTS,	Mercantile Lodge, No. 47.
"	GUSTAV LEWECK,	German Oak " " 82.
"	E. J. PECK,	Mozart " " 226.
"	AUSTIN E. BARNES,	Syracuse " " 109.
"	THOMAS LAWRENCE,	Piermont " " 83.

*Committee of Petitions.*

Rep.	JAMES IRWIN,	Brooklyn Lodge, No. 26.
"	TRACY R. MORGAN,	Calumet " " 62.
"	PETER H. JOBES,	Continental " " 117.
"	WILLIAM B. COLLINS,	Oneko " " 122.
"	A. G. VOSBURGH,	Hudson City " " 142.
"	JACOB F. HAUCK,	Lincoln " " 180.
"	WILLIAM BRADFORD,	Monroe " " 188.
"	H. S. ANDREWS,	Wardville " " 198.
"	JOHN GALBRAITH,	United States " " 139.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

Rep.	JAMES P. SANDERS,	Yonkers Lodge, No. 232.
"	JOHN A. KENNEDY,	Gettys " " 11.
"	CORNELIUS GLEN,	Fireman's " " 19.
"	HIRAM C. CLINE,	Milford " " 150.
"	H. C. A. SAUER,	Mt. Hermon " " 38.
"	ALBERT ROE,	Tonawanda " " 145.
"	WM. H. BARNES,	Colfax " " 242.
"	ABM. LOZIER,	Canaseraga " " 123
"	JOHN G. CLAYTON,	Yorkville " " 244.

Petitions, appeals, etc., in the hands of the Grand Secretary were presented and referred to the appropriate committees.

A petition was received from Columbia Lodge, No. 1, dated August 9, 1870, properly authenticated, setting forth that, because of the introduction of differences in business between two Past Grands of said Lodge, charges, counter-charges and appeals had accumulated and partisan feeling had been engendered to such an extent that the Lodge was unable to conduct its business in accordance with the purposes and teachings of the Order, and asking for the appointment of a commission armed with full power to instruct and direct said Lodge in the proper transaction of its

business, to the end that it might be enabled to resume the creditable position it formerly held as a Working Lodge.

The petition was referred to the Standing Committee, with power.

Rep. Kennedy, on behalf of Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York, presented the following petition and statement:

ODD FELLOWS' HALL ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
  NEW YORK, August 13, 1870. }

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, I. O. O. F.*

The Board of Managers of this Association respectfully call the attention of your R. W. Body to the fact that a large portion of the capital stock of the Association is held by the Subordinate Lodges of the Order; that a number of Lodges which held such stock are now defunct, and have failed to transfer, by their Trustees, the property in said stock to the benefit of the Grand Lodge of New York, as required by law.

It is therefore submitted that the subject of the interest in the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York be referred to a suitable committee, to consider and report such action as may be necessary, in order that the rights of the Grand Lodge may be secured.

Very respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board,

JOHN A. KENNEDY, *President.*

J. G. CLAYTON, *Secretary.*

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, NEW YORK, August 13, 1870.

The following certificates of stock remain untransferred on the books of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York, to which the right of property is in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

No. 772. J. J. Davies, in trust for Grand Lodge of Southern New York, ninety-one shares.

No. 64. C. Y. Kerr, in trust for Marion Lcdge, No. 34, twenty shares.

No. 65. C. Y. Kerr, in trust for Marion Lodge, No. 34, thirty shares.

No. 680. C. Y. Kerr, in trust for Marion Lodge, No. 34, two shares.

No. 356. W. W. Hilliker, in trust for Meridian Lodge, No. 42, fifty shares.

No. 614. W. W. Hilliker, in trust for Meridian Lodge, No. 42, one share.

No. 173. Jacob Storms, in trust for Westchester Lodge, No. 77, ten shares.

No. 58. J. Snyder, in trust for Chelsea Lodge, No. 84, ten shares.

No. 784. I. Johnson, in trust for Independence Lodge, No. 158, twenty-five shares.

No. 590. J. O. Stevens, in trust for Oriental Lodge, No. 68, one hundred and fifteen shares.

[This stock has been sold to Dr. L. Feuchtwanger, without authorization of No. 68.]

No. 256. W. G. McLaughlin, in trust for Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, twenty shares.

No. 654. W. G. McLaughlin, in trust for Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, one share.

[Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, is a petitioner at the coming session of the Grand Lodge in relation to this stock.]

JOHN G. CLAYTON, *Secretary.*

The petition was received and referred to a special committee of seven, consisting of P. G. M's Kennedy, Sanders, White, Barnard, Clayton, Smith and Lent.

Rep. Sanders submitted the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge at the Annual Session of 1869 (Journal, p. 398), relating to the application of Albert O. Day for a Grand Lodge Card, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to issue a Grand Lodge Card to Albert O. Day, formerly a member of Grove Lodge, No. 58, and now a resident of California.

After some discussion, the resolutions were, on motion, made a special order after the transaction of routine business on Wednesday morning.

The special committee to whom had been referred the reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, to propose a suitable distribution of the subjects therein contained, reported as follows:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The special committee to whom were referred the annual reports of the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary, for an appropriate distribution of the several subjects contained therein, would recommend as follows:

1. That so much as relates to the condition of the Order be approved.
2. That so much as relates to the division of District No. 4 of the County of New York into two districts be approved, and that the Standing Committee be directed to divide said district, in accordance with the Grand Master's recommendation.
3. That the decisions of the Grand Master, and the appeal of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, therein alluded to, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.
4. That the complaint from Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, against the D. D. G. M. of Monroe, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.
5. That so much as relates to "Abuses in Printing" be referred to a special committee of three.
6. That so much as refers to anniversaries, etc., be approved.
7. That the official work of the Grand Master is highly satisfactory to this Grand Lodge, and merits the thanks not only of this body, but of the entire jurisdiction.
8. That so much as refers to Rebekah Degree Lodges be referred to a special committee of three.
9. That so much as has reference to measures pending before the Grand Lodge of the United States be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.
10. That so much as relates to the publications of the Order be commended to the members at large.
11. That the several acts of the Standing Committee and the Grand Secretary, as found in the Grand Secretary's report, be confirmed.

The following resolutions are submitted for the action of this Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are emphatically due and are hereby tendered to Nicholas L. Pettit for the zealous and efficient manner in which he has discharged the various and responsible duties devolving upon the Grand Master during the past official year.

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee are hereby required to procure an appropriate Past Grand Master's jewel and present the same to P. G. M. Nicholas L.

Pettit, as a token of the regard and esteem of the Representatives, assuring him that in his retirement from office he carries with him the best wishes of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN MEDOLF,  
D. P. BARNARD,  
W. GOULD.

The report was received. Rep. Stern moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the question of the division of District No. 4 of the County of New York, referred to in the second recommendation of the committee, be referred to the Representatives of the Lodges in that district.

The several remaining recommendations and the resolutions reported by the special committee were, on motion, adopted.

The following petition was presented by Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, which was received and referred to the special committee having under consideration the petition from Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York:

NEW YORK, June 28, 1870.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, I. O. O. F.*

Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., now in good standing in the Order in this jurisdiction, respectfully represents, that at the time of its expulsion by the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, August 15, 1866, it was owner in its own right of twenty-one shares of the stock of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York, the certificates of which were held in the name of William G. McLaughlin, as Trustee of the Lodge; that said McLaughlin was expelled with said Lodge, and that said certificates were in his custody at the time when the sentence of expulsion was carried into execution, and were not delivered to the Grand Master as a part of the effects of the Lodge, as is required by the laws of Odd Fellowship.

The Lodge further represents, that it was subsequently admitted to good standing in the Order, by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, to wit, on the 23d day of August, 1866 [see pages 17, 18 and 30 Journal of its Proceedings], and made demand, with the usual formalities, upon the said William G. McLaughlin, by its new Trustee, regularly chosen in accordance with its By-Laws, for the surrender of the certificates held in his name as Trustee, and for the execution of such documents as were necessary to complete the transfer to the new Trustee. This was positively refused by said McLaughlin, unless the Lodge would restore him to good standing therein, a condition with which it could not comply, even if it were willing to do so, as it was forbidden by the laws of Odd Fellowship, and could only be accomplished through permission of your R. W. Body.

On this refusal the Lodge applied to the Managers of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association to transfer the stock to its new Trustee, dispensing with the usual formalities, and the application was referred by them to the legal adviser of the Association, who returned it with an opinion thereon, a copy of which [marked A], as officially communicated to the Lodge by the Secretary of the Association, is hereunto annexed.

Calling your attention to this opinion, in which it is set forth that, "Upon the forfeiture of the old Strangers' Refuge Lodge these shares became the property of the Grand Lodge, which might have compelled the transfer of the shares to itself, and upon the reinstatement of Strangers'

Refuge Lodge as now organized the Grand Lodge, if it had secured such transfer, could have transferred said shares to the new Trustees," Strangers' Refuge Lodge respectfully asks your R. W. Body to transfer to it all your right, title and interest in said twenty-one shares of stock, and by such legislation enable the Lodge to obtain the issue of a new certificate therefor by the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, in the name of the present Trustee of the Lodge.

At a meeting of Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, held this 28th day of January, 1870, this form of petition to the Grand Lodge was adopted, and the officers were ordered to transmit a properly attested copy thereof.

JACOB F. KOHN, *N. G.*  
ABRAHAM WOLLMAN, *Secretary.*

[L. s.]

The following invitation was received and, on motion, accepted:

ROCHESTER, *August 16, 1870.*

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

You are respectfully invited to attend the Summer Night's Festival of Humboldt Lodge, No. 138, I. O. O. F., at Facks' Atlantic Garden, Falls Field, on Wednesday evening, August 17th, at 7 P. M.

By order of the Committee of Arrangements.

JOHN H. KUFNABER, *Secretary.*

Rep. Solomon submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

*Whereas,* The care, support and protection of the widows and orphans of deceased members is not alone one of the primary objects of our Order, but a sacred duty, the performance of which devolves upon the fraternity at large; and,

*Whereas,* The resources of many Lodges in this State are inadequate to a faithful and proper discharge of the important trust confided to them in their relation to the widows and orphans of deceased Odd Fellows, many of whom receive but a scanty pittance, which, contrasted with our splendid promises in this respect, reflects discredit upon the Order and places Odd Fellowship in an unenviable light; therefore, in order that ample provision be made for the widows and orphans of Odd Fellows in this State—

*Resolved,* That within sixty days after the death of any Odd Fellow in good standing the Grand Secretary, upon being duly notified thereof under the seal of the Lodge, shall draw a warrant upon the Grand Treasurer in favor of the widow and orphans of said deceased member for the sum of one thousand dollars.

*Resolved,* That, in order to meet this expenditure, a tax of five cents be levied upon each member of the Order for each death, which said sum shall be charged and collected in the same manner as all other dues and assessments.

*Resolved,* That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be submitted to each Lodge for action, and that if the same shall receive a majority of votes of the Lodges in this State the same shall become a law from and after the official announcement of the result of said vote.

A motion was made to refer the preamble and resolutions to the Committee of Finance.

An amendment was moved that it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Peck raised the point of order that the resolutions were in conflict with Sec. 3, Art. V. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master decided that the resolutions could be referred to a committee.

Rep. Bowers moved that the subject be laid upon the table, which motion was adopted.

A motion was made that the exemplification of the work of the Order be given immediately after the disposition of the special order on Wednesday morning.

Rep. Barnard made inquiry whether the motion was in harmony with the rules of order. Pending the decision,

Rep. Sanders moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess, which was adopted.

The Grand Master accordingly ordered a recess to be taken until 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

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## SECOND DAY.

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ODD FELLOWS' HALL, ROCHESTER,  
WEDNESDAY, August 17, 1870.

The Grand Lodge reassembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to order. Present:

DANIEL WOOD.....	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
EDWIN S. RALPHS.....	<i>R. W. Dep. Grand Master.</i>
WILLIAM LACY.....	<i>R. W. Grand Warden.</i>
CHARLES V. CLARK.....	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
JACOB RUSSELL.....	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
J. D. HOUGHTON.....	<i>W. Grand Chaplain.</i>
G. HENRY ROBERTS.....	<i>W. Grand Marshal.</i>
A. B. CALDWELL.....	<i>W. Grand Conductor.</i>
STEPHEN L. PRESTON.....	<i>W. Grand Guardian.</i>
CHARLES MACDONALD.....	<i>W. Grand Herald.</i>
JAMES TERWILLIGER.....	<i>Sen. Grand Representative.</i>
EDWARD J. HAMILTON.....	<i>Jun. Grand Representative.</i>

Also Representatives from a quorum of Lodges.

The Grand Marshal, having examined the members present, by

direction of the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The proposed amendments to the laws of the Grand Lodge submitted at the last Annual Session were taken up for consideration.

The proposition to amend Sec. 7, Art. II. of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges (Journal, p. 399), requiring the vote upon a candidate for reinstatement to be taken by ball ballot, was, on motion, adopted.

The section, as amended, reads as follows:

*Section 7.* Any member of this Lodge having been regularly expelled or suspended indefinitely, may be reinstated to his former condition by being duly proposed therefor, at a regular meeting, and his case referred to a committee of three brothers, who shall report at the next regular meeting, when the vote shall be taken by ball ballot, and if two-thirds of the members present are in favor of the reinstatement it shall be made. Provided, that in the case of an expelled member the vote for reinstatement shall not be final until approved by the District Grand Committee in which the Lodge is located.

The proposed amendment to Sec. 2, Art. II. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges (Journal, p. 411), providing for the addition of the words "if accepted," after the words "entered upon the record, and," being under consideration—

Rep. Hahn moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was lost.

The question recurring on the amendment, it was not adopted.

The Committee of Correspondence submitted the following report, which was received:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

It has been the custom in years past for the Committees of Correspondence to prepare for presentation at the Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge lengthy and elaborate reports relative to the doings and condition of the Order throughout the general jurisdiction, the main object in view being to convey information to our brethren as to such matters. But there does not now seem to be any occasion for pursuing a course of this character, for the reason that at the present time the live members of the Order seasonably acquire the information usually embraced in such reports through the medium of our serial publications; and it is a fair presumption that those who do not take and read the weekly and monthly journals of Odd Fellowship are not likely to feel sufficient interest in the cause to impel them to seek after knowledge in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Hence it would appear akin to supererogation to detail herein the doings of the great fraternity outside our own jurisdiction. The literature of the Order promptly and fully reports upon all that transpires in the Subordinate and Grand Bodies everywhere, and these publications find their way into every locality where the Order exists. It is a gratifying and encouraging fact that the brethren are beginning to liberally patronize our various periodicals—regarding it as being quite as important and essential that Odd Fellowship should maintain its organs for the dissemination of its prin-

ciples, as that any other vital interest should have its special press. In our own State are published the oldest and newest journals of the Order respectively, viz., *The American Odd Fellow* and the *Heart and Hand*, both of which are heartily indorsed by the intelligent fraternity in all quarters.

As an indication that the lofty mission of our literature is properly apprehended, the following paragraph is extracted from the report of the special committee in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to whom this subject was referred:

"To sustain a well conducted magazine devoted to the best interests of the Order is assuredly worth the favorable consideration of every member, more especially such as have growing families; for, beside such a publication furnishing a true knowledge of the work and purposes of our fellowship, it also exhibits its beauties and practical uses, and offers or affords opportunity to develop the *belles-lettres*, talent and erudition of the membership, and gives place for its history and traditions, its logic and criticism, its poetry and oratory."

But while our wide-awake and progressive membership is presumed to be well posted in the premises, your Committee of Correspondence, on examination of the different printed journals of Grand Lodge proceedings thoughtfully preserved and furnished by Grand Secretary Clark, finds a number of useful and practical suggestions, etc., susceptible of far reaching application, which are herewith briefly adverted to.

**HOMES AND SCHOOLS FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.**—We are commanded to protect the widow and educate the orphan. That this solemn injunction is being obeyed by the brotherhood is evinced by the fact that projects are on foot in several State jurisdictions looking to the early erection of homes and seminaries for the widows and orphans of deceased brethren. In Kentucky, the enterprising fraternity is accumulating a fund of \$250,000 for the establishment of a "Widows' Home and Orphans' University" in that State. Over one half of the stated amount has already been raised. In California, the Grand Lodge, at its last session, decided upon a plan for the erection of an extensive educational institution for the orphans. In Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and other States, similar noble schemes are being agitated, with good prospects for successful issue. May Heaven speed all such works of exalted beneficence, and may the prosperous fraternity of the Empire State determine not to be backward about engaging in the promotion of some grand project of this description, which shall long endure as a monument to the munificent liberality, humane spirit and unselfish motives of the leading benevolent organization of the times.

**LIBRARIES AND LECTURES.**—Another indication of much significance, going to show that the character and standing of our Order are constantly improving, is seen in the many large and valuable libraries owned exclusively by the membership. The one at Baltimore contains 21,000 volumes; that in San Francisco, about 16,000 volumes, and is pronounced one of the finest libraries on the Pacific Coast. The Odd Fellows of Washington, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, Rochester, and many other places, also have sizeable and rapidly augmenting collections of choice works, while we are constantly learning of the formation of new libraries by the brethren in all sections. The Order in Virginia City, Nevada, has in a short time accumulated a library of nearly 4,000 volumes. Such enlightened enterprise cannot be too highly commended, and should be zealously emulated in every home of Odd Fellowship throughout our jurisdiction. Still another noteworthy and praiseworthy feature is the growing custom of getting up courses of public lectures under the auspices of the Order—a practice whose advantages, when judiciously exercised, are so obvious that it were superfluous to enumerate them.

**LIFE INSURANCE.**—Life assurance associations on the mutual benefit plan have within two or three years sprung up in the Order all over the land, and the system is popular wherever it has been introduced. Most of these associations are limited in their operations to their respective localities, although a few of them are county organizations, and one State (Wisconsin) has an association of this kind for the entire jurisdiction, whose officers are the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and which has several classes of insurance, including one for females. The German Central Verein of New York City is one of the most successful mutual benefit associations in the land, and, indeed, it were difficult to conceive why such organizations should not thrive everywhere. It is assuredly the simplest and most economical system of life insurance ever inaugurated.

**EFFICIENT OFFICERS.**—The time was when those Grand Officers who regarded it as a duty to extensively visit the Subordinate Lodges were an exception to the general rule; but now the case is quite different, and in some of the Western jurisdictions a candidate for the office of Grand Master will surely be left out in the cold if he is so situated as to be unable to visit all or nearly all the Lodges in his jurisdiction during his official term. And if they neglect any Lodges it is certain to be the *flourishing* ones, while the out-of-the-way and the weak Lodges are circumspectly attended to. They don't, it is true, get quite so much glory in taking this course; but the consciousness of doing their whole duty is better than shallow glory and the ticklings of applause. The D. D. G. M's too, as a general thing, are more active and efficient than they used to be. Formerly many of them imitated the polar bear, in regarding their term of office as a sort of Arctic winter of inactivity, to be slept through to the end—emerging from their lethargy just in time to find that 'twas too late to make any report to the Grand Lodge. The Order absolutely demands energetic, thoroughly posted District Deputies; much of the success of the Order hinges upon this thing. Every D. D. G. M. should be made to understand that drones will not be tolerated in our busy hive.

**THE G. L. U. S. SESSION IN CALIFORNIA.**—The reports of the Grand Representatives who were present at the last session of the G. L. U. S. in San Francisco are uniformly rapturous and couched in the most glowing language—"thoughts that breathe and words that burn." It is believed that the results of the meeting at that point will prove lastingly beneficial to the Order at large.

**THE APRON QUESTION.**—The change in our regalia made at the session of the G. L. U. S. in 1868 continues to excite considerable discussion in some jurisdictions, and in a few cases the Grand Representatives have been instructed to advocate the restoration of the apron to its pristine position in our established regalia. It is, however, generally understood that the apron is a thing of the past, and can never again be worn beyond the initiatory. Let us shed a silent tear over the grave of our departed pinafore, and bid it rest in peace.

**RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEES.**—General relief committees exist and flourish in most of our large towns. At New Orleans much good is accomplished and much suffering alleviated and prevented by the excellent relief committee there. The same statement is applicable to the relief committee of San Francisco. If such committees were organized in all large places they might be the means of stopping scores of impostors in their villainous career, and doing great good in other respects. St. Louis has an "Employment Committee" connected with the Order, whose business it is to procure situations for brethren out of work.

**DISCARDING THE BOOKS.**—Never before in the history of our institution were so many Lodges working without books, and in some jurisdictions

the Lodge officers are required to memorize their charges within a specified time. A Lodge that employs the books during initiation cannot rightly claim the honor of being styled a good working organization.

**ODD FELLOWS' HALLS.**—From New England to California we learn with pleasure of the determination of the brethren to possess "homes of their own," and scarcely a week passes by but that the news is received of the dedication of a fine hall of the Order in some part of the country, costing all the way from \$10,000 to \$150,000 each. It is estimated that over one hundred Odd Fellows' halls are now in course of erection within the jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S.

**PROCEEDINGS IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.**—The laudable example set last year by this Grand Lodge in authorizing the printing of the proceedings thereof in the German language has been followed in other jurisdictions. Our German brethren are filled to overflowing with the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, and their reasonable wishes should be regarded. Only circulate the documents in language that can be understood, and nation after nation will be won over to the doctrine of peace and good will.

**DEGREE LODGES OF THE DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.**—Between three hundred and four hundred Lodges are now working in this degree, and it appears to be a fixed institution, though it does not flourish in the larger cities.

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. NOWELL,  
W. GOULD.

The Committee of Laws of Subordinates for the year 1869-70 submitted the following report, which was received and the recommendation adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York :*

The Committee of Laws of Subordinates have during the year examined and procured the correction of the By-Laws of the Working Lodges named below:

3. Genesee.	171. Morrisania.	220. Guttenberg.
4. Strangers' Refuge.	185. Cherusker.	221. Ellicott.
16. German Colonial.	187 Concordia.	222. Stafford.
21. Poughkeepsie.	191. German Bundes.	223. Socrates.
24. Laurel.	204. Talmud.	224. Oriental.
45. Salem.	211. King Solomon.	226. Ceres.
56. Havana.	213. Robert Blum.	227. Schenectady.
65. Highland.	214. Beethoven.	228. Gloversville.
82. German Oak.	215. Jordan.	230. Henry Clay.
91. Walhalla.	218. Cayadutta.	231. Arndt.
143. Ustyantha.	219. Manoca.	236. Canandaigua.
163. Lessing.		

Also the following Rebekah Degree Lodges:

Miriam, No. 2, at Morrisania.

Good Samaritan, No. 6, at Utica.

The committee recommend that the By-Laws of the above named Lodges be approved.

M. B. PITTS,  
G. LEWECK,  
JNO. F. VAN NORT,  
S. L. PRESTON.

The following invitation was presented and, on motion, accepted:

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, ROCHESTER, *August 16, 1870.*

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., State of New York.*

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES: You are hereby cordially invited to attend and participate in the public ceremonies and exercises gotten up by the Lodges in this city, to take place on the afternoon of the 17th instant, per programme inclosed, in honor of your R. W. Body.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES M. LEONARD,  
CHARLES M. SYME,  
JOHN QUINN,  
JOSEPH BEIR,

*Committee of Arrangements.*

The Committee of Appeals presented the following report on the appeal of Mount Ararat Lodge, No. 144, from the action of District Grand Committee No. 2 of the County of Kings. The report was received and the accompanying resolution adopted.

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Mount Ararat Lodge, No. 144, from the action of the District Grand Committee of District No. 2 of Kings County, in the matter of the appeal of P. G. George W. Lee against the action of said Lodge in expelling him for contempt, respectfully report, that charges were preferred against P. G. Lee, which were referred to a committee, who reported that P. G. Lee was guilty of contempt of the Lodge. The evidence shows that P. G. Lee attended before the committee of trial, that the committee examined a number of plaintiff's witnesses, and the member preferring the charges gave his own evidence before the committee. Thereupon P. G. Lee asked to be allowed to give his own evidence. The committee decided that he could not, whereupon P. G. Lee said that he "did not want any such farce as this; Bro. Lee is not such a fool as you take him to be, and you'll find that out before you get through with him;" and abruptly left the committee while it was in session.

This report was presented to the Lodge April 28, 1869, and at the same meeting the Lodge proceeded to take action thereon. A motion to adopt the report was declared lost, the report was referred back to the committee to continue the trial, and that the names of the trial committee be stricken from the minutes, whereupon four of the committee of trial tendered their resignations as such, and the resignations were accepted. On the 5th of May the N. G. proceeded to appoint a committee and was unable to find one. On the 19th of May the N. G. declared that all acts of the Lodge on the report of the committee since the presentation of the report were void, because action was had at the same meeting, contrary to Art. VIII., Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Lodge. The report of the committee was then read and laid over for two weeks, and P. G. Lee was notified. On the 26th of May P. G. Lee appealed from the report, which was laid over for one week. On the 2d of June the report of the committee was sustained and P. G. Lee was declared expelled. P. G. Lee appealed to the Grand Committee on the ground that the Lodge had no legal right to declare the action of April 28th null and void. The District Grand Committee adopted a report that the action of the Lodge, in declaring the action of April 28th null and void, was legal; but that P. G. Lee was not guilty of contempt, he having answered the summons and appeared before the committee for trial, and that the action of the committee of trial in denying P. G. Lee the privilege of giving his own evidence was in conflict with Art. VII., Sec. 1,

of the Constitution, as it was not giving the brother a fair trial, and the committee reversed the decision of the Lodge in expelling P. G. Lee from membership, and reinstated him to his former position in the Lodge. From this decision the Lodge now appeals to the Grand Lodge, on the ground that the evidence before the Lodge for contempt was sufficient to warrant the action.

It will thus be seen that the committee decided against P. G. Lee on the only ground on which he appealed, and decided in his favor on a ground that he did not take, as he was required to do by Art. VIII., Sec. 7, of his Lodge. And the Lodge, in its appeal, takes no ground of this irregularity of the Grand Committee, but takes issue with the committee as to the effect of the evidence.

We are of the opinion that the Grand Committee rightly decided that the Lodge properly declared the action of April 28th null and void, and also rightly decided that the evidence was not sufficient to show that the accused refused or neglected to stand trial, according to Sec. 4 of Art. VIII. of the Constitution of the Lodge. But the final action of the Grand Committee is not in accordance with Sec. 3 of Art. IX. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. The charges against P. G. Lee remain yet to be disposed of. The action of the Lodge in expelling P. G. Lee for contempt was irregular, informal and illegal, and that action should be set aside, and the cause should be remitted back to the Lodge for further proceedings on the charges.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Mount Ararat Lodge, No. 144, from the action of the District Grand Committee of District No. 2 of Kings County, in the matter of the appeal of P. G. George W. Lee, be so far sustained as that all action in said Lodge and the committee of trial subsequent to the close of the testimony on the part of the prosecution was irregular, informal and illegal, and is set aside therefor; and that the cause be remitted back to the Lodge for further proceedings on the charges, and that the committee of the Lodge proceed with the trial of the case.

D. P. BARNARD,  
ELIJAH WHITE,  
JACOB FONDA,  
T. P. ST. JOHN,  
ABRAHAM LENT,  
MYER STERN.

The Committee of Appeals also submitted the following report on the appeal of E. J. Peck from the action of District Grand Committee No. 1 of the County of New York. The report was received and the accompanying resolution adopted.

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand E. J. Peck from the action of the District Grand Committee of District No. 1 of New York County, in sustaining the action of Columbia Lodge, No. 1, in the matter of charges preferred by P. G. Peck against P. G. Geo. W. Winchell, respectfully report, that P. G. Peck preferred charges against P. G. Winchell for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and specifying the circulation to members of the Lodge, in open Lodge, of a circular assailing and traducing the character of P. G. Peck—a printed copy of the circular being appended to the charges; but the specification did not state that the circular was false or untrue.

The charges were referred to the usual committee, and P. G. Winchell appeared before the committee and pleaded "not guilty" to the charge, and

"guilty" to the specification, with intent to justify. Evidence was given on the question of justification to the committee, who reported that they find the charge sustained, the committee having failed to find any justification. P. G. Winchell appealed to the Lodge from the decision of the committee, and the Lodge, by a vote of 21 to 20, sustained the appeal. Whereupon the committee on charges was dismissed and P. G. Peck appealed to the District Grand Committee, which committee adopted a report sustaining the action of the Lodge. P. G. Peck now appeals to the Grand Lodge.

The action of the Lodge amounted to a legal acquittal of P. G. Winchell of the charge against him. There does not appear to have been any irregularity or informality in the proceedings of the Lodge. The members of the Lodge elected to acquit P. G. Winchell, instead of agreeing with the committee on the charges. We do not see how we can compel them to a different vote. There is no matter of law involved in the appeal, or of irregularity or unfairness in the proceedings of the Grand Committee charged or shown.

We therefore submit for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action of the District Grand Committee of District No. 1 of New York County, in sustaining the action of Columbia Lodge, No. 1, in the matter of charges preferred by P. G. E. J. Peck against P. G. Geo. W. Winchell, be and hereby is affirmed.

D. P. BARNARD,  
ELIJAH WHITE,  
JACOB FONDA,  
JOHN H. WHITE,  
W. GOULD,  
MYER STERN,  
T. P. ST. JOHN,  
ABRAHAM LENT.

The Committee of Appeals further reported, verbally, that they had received an appeal by Harrison G. Otis (by attorney), a member of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, from the action of the District Grand Committee of Monroe had on the evening of July 5th, 1870, but that said appeal was not accompanied by the record of proceedings of the District Grand Committee. The appeal was therefore returned to the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Jeffres submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the District Grand Committee of the County of Monroe be directed forthwith to forward to the Secretary of this Grand Lodge the papers and proceedings relating to the appeal of H. G. Otis, certified by him.

The question being taken on the resolution, it was not adopted.

Bro. John Murray, D. D. G. M. of the jurisdiction of Ontario, was suitably introduced as a visitor.

Agreeably to preceding order (p. 529), the following special committees were appointed on subjects contained in the Grand Master's report:

On Abuses in Printing—Reps. Clayton, Godson and Stern.

On Rebekah Degree Lodges—Reps. White, Tapping and Beardsley.

The special committee to whom had been referred, at the last Annual Session, a paper relating to the "Central Verein of Odd Fellows" (Journal, p. 393), submitted the annexed report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York.*

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS : Your committee, to whom was referred the communication of G. Leweck, P. G., to the Grand Master at the last session of this Grand Lodge, in relation to the Central Verein of Odd Fellows, would report that they have given the subject the attention that its merits demand.

The principles upon which the association is based are somewhat different from those governing most of the mutual relief associations connected with our Order. The members pay an entrance fee of five dollars and a quarterly assessment of one dollar, and upon the death of a member a certain specified sum (at present \$200) is paid to his widow or family. This sum may be changed, from time to time, by the members of the association as its finances may permit. Another peculiar feature is that the neglect or failure to pay a quarterly assessment does not absolutely cut off the delinquent from the benefits, but a deduction of one-fourth is made, and a fourth is again deducted at each subsequent failure to pay, and a member is not debarred from all claim upon the funds of the association until a full year has elapsed without any payment of dues.

The subject of life assurance in its varied forms as a means of securing one's family a competency, or at least a relief from positive want after the main support has been taken away, is one that for many years has engaged the earnest thought of all philanthropic men, and seems peculiarly to claim the attention of members of a fraternity like Odd Fellowship, one of whose prominent objects is the relief of one another, and of our families as well, in the trials incident to human life. Some Lodges have for many years adopted the policy of insuring the lives of their members for the benefit of the Lodge, thus aiding it materially in its ability to extend relief when needed; others insure the lives of members for their own benefit.

About three years ago a movement was made by some brothers to organize mutual benefit or funeral aid associations, and, after one or two had got into working order, sufficiently to show the operation of the principle, they met with a marked and, we think, deserved success, and can now be found, to a greater or less extent, in nearly or quite every jurisdiction. While these are all mutual in their operation, they vary considerably in their details; some, like the Central Verein, pay a settled amount in case of death, and collect a fixed yearly assessment, regardless of the number of deaths, while in other, and, we think, the majority of cases, an assessment is made at each death of a specified amount, sufficient to meet the amount paid with necessary expenses—the payment to the family of the deceased depending upon the number of members belonging to the association. All charge an adjoining fee, which in some cases is fixed at a certain amount and in others is dependent upon the age of the applicant. In some associations the membership is limited. In others, perhaps most cases, the membership is limited to the county or immediate neighborhood in which the association is located; in some it is confined to the State, as the "United Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Pennsylvania," or the "Wisconsin Odd Fellows' Mutual Life Insurance Company;" and others only require that the applicant shall be an Odd Fellow, as the "Odd Fellows' Funeral Benefit Association of the City of New York." The Wisconsin Mutual Life requires that the directors shall all be members of the Grand Lodge of the State. Some pay benefits upon the death of a member only; some

pay also a smaller amount upon the death of a member's wife, while some admit the wives and daughters of members. All make it a necessary qualification for the reception of benefits that the brother shall be in good standing in his Lodge at the time of his death, and thus they all tend to keep a brother from losing his membership and interest in the Order, and at the same time, by bringing brothers of different Lodges into closer contact with each other, serve to strengthen the bonds of fellowship. Upon the death of a brother the Lodge to which he belonged pays to his family the funeral benefit provided by the by-laws (\$20 to \$50), which is at once absorbed in the expenses necessary at such a time, and if further assistance is needed, as is often the case, the Lodge, in justice to other claims upon it, can give but a bare pittance; but here the funeral aid association steps in with an amount sufficient to relieve all present wants, with a surplus that enables the widow to make such a start in gaining a livelihood as will generally relieve the Lodge from all further claims. How often do we see that the having or wanting of two or three hundred dollars at a critical time makes or mars one's prospects for years, often for life!

In consideration, therefore, of the apparent benefits to be derived from the system of mutual life assurance, your committee would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

*Resolved*, That the principle of mutual aid or life assurance, as exemplified by the Central Verein of Odd Fellows and kindred organizations, is a valuable auxiliary to the benevolent aims of Odd Fellowship, and as such is entitled to the earnest consideration of the members of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MOSES,  
J. W. COLE,  
JOHN B. DEMONET.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The resolutions directing that a Grand Lodge Card be issued to A. O. Day (p. 528) were taken up, and, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of Reps. Lawrence, Galbraith and Herrick.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the selection of the place at which the succeeding Annual Session should be held. The following invitation was presented:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York:*

The undersigned, Representatives from Oneida, would respectfully invite your R. W. Grand Body to name the city of Utica as the place for holding the Annual Session of 1871.

ROBERT FERGUSON, Central City, No. 61.  
ISAAC TAPPING, Oneida, No. 70.  
W. B. MONROE, Skenandoah, No. 95.  
A. P. HOWES, Schuyler, No. 147.  
DANIEL STIEGLER, Allemania, No. 186.  
WILLIAM KNIGHT, Sauquoit, No. 108.  
SAMUEL H. HANAUER, D. D. G. M.

Rep. Tapping submitted the following:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will hold its Annual Session of 1871 in the city of Utica.

Rep. Sanders moved the following amendment:

Provided that no picnic or other public demonstration shall be held until the business of the Grand Lodge shall have been concluded.

After some discussion the amendment was concurred in, and the resolution, thus amended, was adopted.

Rep. Kennedy, from the special committee to whom had been referred the petition of Odd Fellows' Hall Association (p. 527), made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The special committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York, relative to certain shares of stock heretofore held by certain Subordinate Lodges, in the names of certain of their members as Trustees for the Lodges, which Lodges have been expelled or otherwise become defunct—

Respectfully report, that no doubt exists of the right to the property in said stocks having reverted to this Grand Lodge, under the laws of the Order, on the demise of any of the said Lodges, and that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to claim absolute possession of said stocks as the property of the Grand Lodge.

Therefore your committee respectfully submit the following resolution for adoption.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
D. P. BARNARD,  
JOHN H. WHITE,  
J. P. SANDERS,  
GEORGE SMITH,  
ABRAHAM LENT,  
J. G. CLAYTON.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby instructed to take such action as may be necessary to secure the transfer to him, as Special Trustee of the Grand Lodge, of the following stocks in the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York, viz.:

Certificate No. 772, for ninety-one shares, standing in the name of John J. Davies (now deceased), as Trustee of the Grand Lodge.

Certificates Nos. 64, 65 and 680, in the name of C. Y. Kerr as Trustee of Marion Lodge, No. 34, for fifty-two shares.

Certificates Nos. 356 and 614, in the name of W. W. Hilliker as Trustee of Meridian Lodge, No. 42, for fifty-one shares.

Certificate No. 590, in the name of J. O. Stevens as Trustee of Oriental Lodge, No. 68, for one hundred and fifteen shares.

Certificate No. 173, in the name of Jacob Storms as Trustee of Westchester Lodge, No. 77, for ten shares.

Certificate No. 58, in the name of J. Snyder as Trustee of Chelsea Lodge, No. 84, for ten shares.

Certificate No. 748, in the name of J. Johnson as Trustee of Independence Lodge, No. 158, for twenty-five shares.

The report was received and the accompanying resolution adopted.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, also presented the following report on the petition of Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, (p. 529).

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, asking this Grand Lodge to transfer all its right, title and interest in twenty-one shares of the stock of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York to said Subordinate Lodge, respectfully report the following preamble and resolutions as proper to be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
JOHN H. WHITE,  
ABRAHAM LENT,  
J. P. SANDERS,  
GEORGE SMITH,  
D. P. BARNARD,  
J. G. CLAYTON.

*Whereas*, By the provisions of Sections 6, 7 and 8, Art. X. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge (pages 33 and 34, second edition, 1869), it is enacted that when a Subordinate Lodge shall fail, from any cause, to work all its moneys and properties, with its Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and held in trust "to be restored should such Lodge ever be reinstated;" and *whereas*, said Strangers' Refuge Lodge having been expelled from the Order on the 15th of August, 1866, all its moneys and properties then became vested in the Grand Lodge, and said Strangers' Refuge Lodge having been subsequently restored to its good standing in the Order, to wit, upon the 23d day of August, 1866, was thereupon entitled to resume the ownership of the property held by it at the time of its suspension; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby transfers all its right, title and interest to twenty-one shares of the stock of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York, the certificates of which stand on its books in the name of William G. McLaughlin, in trust for Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., to said Strangers' Refuge Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York be requested to transfer said stock to Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, in the name of such Trustee as it may legally appoint, if in accordance with the powers of the association in the premises.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he hereby is instructed to transmit a copy of this preamble and these resolutions, properly attested and under seal of the Grand Lodge, to the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of New York.

The report was received and the preamble and resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Kennedy asked and obtained leave to submit the appended resolution relative to the decease of P. G. John C. Chambers. His introductory remarks were ordered to be entered on the Journal, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

M. W. GRAND MASTER: I beg you to allow me the privilege of the floor, to do honor to one of the pioneers of Odd Fellowship in America. P. G. John C. Chambers, a native of England, was initiated into "Loyal Westminster Independent Lodge of Odd Fellows," in the city of Westminster, during the year 1798, where, on February 10th, 1800, he received the jewel I have now suspended on my person.

Having emigrated to this country in 1806, on the 23d of December of that year, with his father, Solomon Chambers, his brother, William E. Chambers, and two others, he made the first known effort to introduce Odd Fellowship into the United States.

They self-instituted "Shakespeare Grand Lodge," in the city of New

York, and although unsuccessful in gaining for it a permanent existence, as pioneers in a new field of operation they are entitled to the kindest feelings of the successors of a more recent and more fortunate effort for establishing the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

The subject of my remarks departed this life on the 3d of February last, at the age of ninety-four years, one month and three days, at Poughkeepsie, in this State. And in respect to his memory I submit the following for your consideration:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge regards with deep interest the recent demise of P. G. JOHN C. CHAMBERS, one of the pioneers of Odd Fellowship to this continent, and one who was truly, in every sense, an "Ancient Odd Fellow," and who lived and died highly respected by all who knew him.

Rep. Stern presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be and are hereby requested to submit to this R. W. Grand Lodge, during this Annual Session, a feasible plan to establish life insurance for the benefit of the families of deceased brothers.

Rep. Peck proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge:

Amend Sec. 2, Art. II. of Constitution of Grand Lodge, by adding, after the words "Grand Lodge" in the first clause, the words "Past Grand Masters;" also by striking out the words "speak or," contained in the second clause of same section.

The proposed amendment was, on motion, recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Session.

Rep. Medole submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were referred to the Committee of Finance:

*Whereas*, The Grand Master has, in the performance of official duties remote from the seat of government of this Grand Lodge, during the past year, required the attendance of the Grand Secretary; and whereas the Grand Secretary has been compelled to hire and remunerate a suitable substitute in order to keep open his office in his absence on official business; and whereas the Grand Secretary's private means have been necessarily taxed to a considerable extent for traveling and other expenses consequent upon such official demands; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be and hereby is appropriated by this Grand Lodge to reimburse Grand Secretary Charles V. Clark for traveling and other expenses incurred during the past year in the discharge of official business remote from his office.

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be and hereby are requested to report, in their estimate of Grand Lodge expenses for the year, the sum in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

The Grand Lodge, on motion, then took a recess until 9 o'clock on Thursday morning.

## THIRD DAY.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, ROCHESTER,  
THURSDAY, August 18, 1870.

The Grand Lodge reassembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to order.

Present, DANIEL WOOD, Grand Master, the officers of the preceding day, and Representatives from a quorum of Lodges.

The Grand Marshal, having examined the members present, by direction declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Rep. Kennedy submitted the following:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, I. O. O. F.*

The undersigned, in behalf of a committee appointed at a convention of the Subordinate Lodges located in the city of New York, held for the purpose of devising a plan by which provision may be made for a more extended charge and care of the *aged and infirm members of the Order*, respectfully submit the accompanying resolutions to the consideration of your R. W. Body.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, P. G. Sire,  
THOMAS LAWRENCE,  
WM. P. HOLLAND,  
GEORGE SMITH, P. G. M.,  
JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. M.

*Resolved*, 1st. That there be organized, under the direct sanction of this Grand Lodge, a "Board of Trustees," to hold the legal title of any property that may be acquired by gift, devise, purchase or lease for the use and benefit of an Asylum for *aged and permanently infirm members of the Order in good standing*: and that said Board of Trustees be empowered to manage the property and affairs of the Asylum; to make rules for its government, and to appoint and employ such officers or other assistants as may from time to time be deemed necessary.

2d. That the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Warden, the R. W. Grand Secretary, and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, for the time being, together with four members of the Grand Lodge elected for the purpose in the Grand Lodge, shall constitute the Board of Trustees.

3d. That said Trustees be and are hereby authorized to file in the proper offices a certificate of incorporation under the laws of the State of New York, to enable the Board to receive, hold and pass title to property under the name and style of "The Odd Fellows' Asylum of the State of New York for Aged and Infirm Members of the Order."

4th. That for the support and maintenance of the Asylum, each Lodge in the jurisdiction is authorized and required to charge and collect from each of its members "Asylum dues," at the rate of not less than *one cent* per week, which collections shall be paid over to the Grand Treasurer, through the Grand Secretary, semi-annually, within one month after the close of each Lodge term. The Grand

Secretary shall immediately pay over to the Grand Treasurer all such "Asylum dues" as he may receive, carefully crediting the proper Lodges for the payments made, and make full report thereof at the Annual Session. The Grand Treasurer shall hold all such receipts of moneys separately for the use and benefit of the Odd Fellows' Asylum for the Aged, and only to be expended pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.

5th. That at the first election of the Trustees provided for in the second resolution, the whole number of four Trustees shall be elected; and on the organization of the Board of Trustees it shall be determined by lot which of said Trustees shall serve for one, two, three and four years respectively; and thereafter, at each Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, one Trustee shall be elected for four years to fill the expired term, and when vacancies may have occurred by death, resignation or refusal to serve, for the unexpired term.

6th. That the Grand Master shall, *ex officio*, be President of the Board of Trustees; in like manner the Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

The special committee to whom had been referred those portions of the Grand Master's report relating to Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah reported as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York:*

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah report, that the suggestion to change the terms of such Lodges from six months to one year meets with their hearty concurrence, and they append a resolution to carry into effect the recommendation.

On the question of requiring candidates to be subjected to the ordeal of the ballot, the committee are constrained to differ with the Grand Master. As we understand, the Grand Lodge of the United States has, at two successive sessions, passed upon this question, and decided adversely to the views expressed in the report referred to us, after full and free discussion of this particular feature of the law. At the last session the question was referred to a special committee, with Representative Carter, of Ohio, at its head, an especial friend of the Rebekah Degree, and this committee unanimously reported against it. The whole difficulty complained of could not be obviated by the exercise of the ballot. Any brother of the Order, or any wife or widow of an Odd Fellow in possession of the degree, would have a right to visit any Degree Lodge, if found correct, whether they were members of the Degree Lodge or not. It is a cardinal principle that every member can visit a Lodge if found correct. He or she cannot be excluded so long as in good standing, no matter what character they may bear. The proposition to make the wife's membership in the Degree Lodge dependent on the fact that her husband can be elected appears to us not only unjust, but as a measure not calculated to remedy the evil complained of, because the right of visitation cannot be denied, and because it seems to us to be cruel in the extreme to deprive a worthy member of the Order, an old, faithful and tried Odd Fellow, of the association and benefit of a degree to which, as a matter of right and law, he is entitled, by reason of improper conduct on the part of his wife, for which he was in no way responsible and over which he had no control, or by reason of prejudice against a woman tied to him for life, and who may be unpopular by reason of some act not criminal on her part. If a woman or a man is of such a character that the members of a Degree Lodge do not desire her or his fellowship or association, it will soon be found out by the offender, and the Lodge room will be too uncomfortable a place for them, and they will

stay away. To subject a brother to ballot could have no effect in excluding the wife, except they black-balled him by reason of the sins of his wife. There can be no *just* law, human or divine, to make one bear and suffer for the sins of another; it is enough to answer for our own.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That Sec. 1 of Art. III. of the Constitution of Rebekah Degree Lodges be amended, so as to read as follows:

*Section 1.* Regular terms shall be one year, and shall commence on the first stated meeting in July in each year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,  
ISAAC TAPPING,  
GEO. F. BEARDSLEY.

The report was received. Pending action on the resolution,

Rep. Peck raised the following point of order: Can the Constitution of Rebekah Degree Lodges be amended without previous notice?

The Grand Master decided that it could.

Rep. Peck appealed from the decision of the chair.

The question being taken on the appeal, the chair was sustained.

The resolution reported by the committee was then adopted.

The special committee to whom had been referred resolutions relating to the granting of a Card to Albert O. Day (pp. 528, 540), reported as follows:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New York:*

Your committee to whom were referred the resolution soffered by P. G. Sire James P. Sanders, in reference to granting a Grand Lodge Card to Albert O. Day, late a member of Grove Lodge, No. 58, and now a resident of California, respectfully report—

That the evidence before us would seem to impress us with the conviction, although it is not quite clear as to the brother's intention to participate in the illegal distribution of the Lodge funds, that he did not receive any part or share of such distribution, and also that he regrets any action of his tending in that direction. Believing as we do in the doctrine of repentance, we are of the opinion that the resolutions should receive the favorable action of this Grand Lodge, and therefore recommend the passage of the same.

THOMAS LAWRENCE,  
O. B. HERRICK,  
JOHN GALBRAITH.

The report was received and the resolutions were adopted.

Upon the invitation of the Grand Lodge, Deputy Grand Sire Frederick D. Stuart took the chair and gave full instructions in the secret work of the Order.

Rep. Lawrence submitted the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Deputy Grand Sire Stuart for the able and lucid manner in which he has exemplified the work of the Order.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, by a rising vote.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following report, which was received:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Finance, in pursuance of the duties of their office, submit the following estimates of expenditure for the present year, accompanied with a resolution making provision therefor.

The estimates under the several heads are as follow:

1. Representave Tax.....	\$ 150 00
2. Rent of Grand Secretary's Office.....	400 00
3. Printing and Stationery.....	1,400 00
4. Printing Journal of Proceedings in German.....	450 00
5. Salary of Grand Secretary.....	2,000 00
6. Extra Expenses of Grand Secretary for 1869-70 .....	200 00
7. Salary of Grand Herald.....	25 00
8. Traveling Expenses of Grand Herald to Rochester and for past year...	50 00
9. Expenses of Grand Secretary's Office .....	500 00
10. Janitor of Odd Fellows' Hall, Rochester.....	50 00
11. Permanent Fund.....	1,000 00
	\$6,225 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands .....	1,312 13
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Amount to be raised by assessment.....	\$4,912 87

The membership is returned as 20,732, which, assessed at twenty-four cents each member, will give the amount of \$4,975.68.

The following resolution is therefore submitted:

*Resolved*, That the assessment upon Subordinate Lodges, in pursuance of Sec. 3, Art. V. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, is hereby fixed at twenty-four cents on each member.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROYAL G. MILLARD,  
GEORGE SMITH,  
CHARLES VANDERVOORT,  
WM. P. HOLLAND,  
MILTON RUDE,  
GEORGE F. MILLER,  
JOHN V. EFNER,  
WM. G. STEWART,  
ROBERT J. MORGAN.

The several items of appropriation were approved.

The resolution being under consideration, Rep. Wm. H. Barnes moved to amend by striking out "twenty-four cents" and inserting "twenty-five cents."

The motion to amend was not adopted.

The resolution reported by the committee was then adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report upon inquiries submitted to them:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the

following queries, respectfully report that they have examined the same and have answered them as naked questions of law, and without reference to any particular facts or localities, viz.:

1. Has the N. G. of a Rebekah Degree Lodge the right to communicate the A. P. W. to the members of said Rebekah Degree Lodge, or must said members receive the new P. W. from the N. G. of the Subordinate Lodge to which they belong?

*Answer.*—From the N. G. of the Subordinate Lodge to which they belong, as he is the officer who has knowledge that the brother is entitled to the same.

2. Has the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York the right or power to direct a Subordinate Lodge to declare a ballot irregular and void, without first ascertaining from the Lodge record the facts in the case?

*Answer.*—If the Lodge records contain the information he may take it from the said records; if not, he may obtain it elsewhere. He must have facts to work on, no matter where he may find them.

3. Has the Grand Master the right or power to require a Subordinate Lodge to refuse admittance to a member who, it is claimed, has been illegally reinstated, *after* such member has been notified by the Secretary of his reinstatement, and after he has paid his reinstatement fee and received the P. W.?

*Answer* in the negative.

4. If the Grand Master has any such power, where does he receive his authority from? Is it from the Constitution, or only a power delegated to him by the Grand Lodge?

*Answer.*—The powers of the Grand Master are derived from the Constitution and laws of the Order.

5. Can a member who has been reinstated and so declared by the N. G., and who has been notified of his reinstatement and has received the term P. W., be deprived of his standing in the Lodge or denied admittance, provided his reinstatement was not in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Art. II., Sec. 7?

*Answer* in the negative.

6. If on a ballot for reinstatement two-thirds of those present do not vote in favor of such reinstatement, and yet the brother is declared to be reinstated, is not the brother rejected? and if so, can another ballot be had on the same application and report of committee, without a reconsideration having been had?

*Answer* to the first query affirmative; to the second, negative.

7. Has a D. D. G. M. any right to take the chair of the N. G. for the purpose of maintaining order, or for any other purpose, except to confer degrees or for installation of officers?

*Answer* in the negative.

8. Has a Grand Committee the jurisdiction or power to review or set aside the action of a Lodge had in accordance with and obedience to the decision of the Grand Master, on a question of law, where the decision upon which the Lodge acted was clearly erroneous?

*Answer.*—If clearly erroneous, in the affirmative.

9. Under Section 12 of Article III. of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, has the D. D. G. M. the right or power to grant a dispensation to a Lodge in his district for granting a certificate for the five degrees at any time—that is, can it be done on the same night of the initiation of a brother?

*Answer* in the affirmative.

10. Under Sec. 7 of Art. V. of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, can a Past Grand of a Lodge interested in an appeal either speak or offer a reso-

lution, or appeal from the decision of the chair, or rise to a point of order, or do any act on said appeal before the Grand Committee?

*Answer* in the negative.

J. P. SANDERS,  
JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
H. C. CLINE,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
WM. H. BARNES.

The report was received and the answers to the several queries were separately considered and adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until half-past two o'clock.

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THURSDAY, *August 18—2½ P. M.*

The time of recess having expired, the Grand Lodge resumed business.

Rep. Sanders, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The undersigned, the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following, viz.:

"Has the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York power to suspend a Subordinate Lodge, or to demand its Charter, during the recess of the R. W. Grand Lodge?"

Respectfully report that this question is one of great importance, and on the decision of the Grand Lodge may depend the welfare of the Order in the State of New York. The Grand Master's powers and prerogatives are fully laid down in the By-Laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge, in the charge of his office, and in the powers given him by the usage and customs of the Order. By the By-Laws no power is given him to suspend or demand a Charter of a Lodge; by his charge of office he has a general superintendence of the welfare of the Order under his jurisdiction; under the plea of necessity, usage has to some extent given the Grand Master the power. But opinion, of late years, has been adverse to such prerogative.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has gone so far as to decide that where a Grand Master has the *entire* supervision of the Order in his jurisdiction he has power to suspend a Subordinate Lodge for any act of insubordination; the suspension is but temporary, however, until the meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge. But the G. L. U. S. held, at a later period, that the infliction of the penalty, the ultimate and permanent deprivation of the Lodge of its chartered rights, lies with the Grand Lodge, after due trial.

Since these decisions have been made, this R. W. Grand Body has definitely established what rule shall be followed, viz.: No subordinate shall be expelled or suspended, or deprived of any of its rights or privileges, except as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. Our Constitution provides that the *Grand Lodge* has the power of suspending Charters, in the manner provided by the laws of the Grand Lodge; and

then, by Article X. of the By-Laws, provides how a Lodge may be dealt with for insubordination. It must be by trial on charges duly preferred, referred to a special committee to take proof and report to the R. W. Grand Lodge, and, after the Grand Lodge has given opportunity for the recreant Lodge to be heard, may then take such action as to suspension or expulsion as it may think proper. This is the only course allowed by our laws for the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge. This your committee believe to be the well established law on the subject. But we are aware that circumstances may arise where the safety of the Order may require more decisive and prompt action. Such cases ought to be left to the discretion and conscience of the Grand Master, holding him responsible for his action in the premises.

We therefore decide the question in the negative.

J. P. SANDERS,  
JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. CLINE,  
HENRY C. A. SAUER,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
WM H. BARNES.

The same committee also presented the following, which was received:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the reports of the several District Grand Committees for the past year, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find nothing contained therein requiring action on the part of this Grand Lodge.

J. P. SANDERS,  
JOHN A. KE^NEDY,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
H. C. CLINE,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
WM. H. BARNES.

The same committee presented the following report, which was received and the accompanying resolution adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the report of the Standing Committee, respectfully report the annexed resolution for adoption by the Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Standing Committee be and hereby is confirmed, and that Charters be ordered to be issued to the several Lodges in lieu of the Dispensations granted by said committee.

J. P. SANDERS.  
WM. H. BARNES,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
H. C. CLINE,  
JOHN A. KENNEDY.

The same committee submitted the following report, which was received and the recommendation adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the report of the special committee on the "Central Verein of Odd Fellows," also the resolution offered by P. G. M. Stern on the subject of life insurance for the benefit of the families of deceased brethren, would most respectfully report that the said subjects are of great importance to the Order and should be carefully examined. Your committee have not the necessary time at this session to give them that attention which they are entitled to, and would therefore recommend that both of the said subjects be referred to a special committee, to report at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

J. P. SANDERS,  
JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
H. C. CLINE,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
WM. H. BARNES.

The same committee presented the following report, which was received and the several resolutions adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master for the past year, respectfully report, that so far as relates to decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, as presented in his report, they are in accordance with the laws of the Order, and should be approved. That in reference to the eighth decision, inasmuch as the appeal in the said matter has been referred to this committee, we prefer to deal with the same in connection with said appeal.

Your committee also report that they have examined the papers in the matter of Teoronto Lodge against W. Morley, D. D. G. M. of Monroe District, and approve the action of the M. W. Grand Master in the said matter.

Your committee further report that they have also had under consideration the report of the M. W. Grand Master on the "Measures pending before the G. L. U. S.," and find that at the last session of that body the Representatives from this jurisdiction voted in accordance with the views of the M. W. Grand Master, and believing that they are capable of understanding and willing to carry out the views of our Grand Lodge, would suggest that these subjects be referred to them, to take such action on the same as may be found advisable and proper.

Annexed hereto will be found resolutions which we respectfully submit for your action.

J. P. SANDERS,  
JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
H. C. CLINE,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
WM. H. BARNES.

*Resolved*, That the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, marked in his annual report as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, be and the same are hereby approved.

*Resolved*, That the action of the M. W. Grand Master in the matter of the charges of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, against the D. D. G. M. of Monroe District, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to print with the pro-

ceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge the annual reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The same committee presented the following report, which was received and the accompanying resolution adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. E. J. Peck from the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully report, that the only matter which they can possibly review may be the decision of the Grand Master upon the question of law, whether a brother who is under charges and not yet tried can prefer charges against another brother. This question has already been answered by your committee in the affirmative. We take the ground that a brother is innocent until proved guilty, and is entitled to all the privileges of the Order, except to receive a Withdrawal or Visiting Card and eligibility to office, until his Lodge fully disposes of the charges against him. If these views are correct, the action of the M. W. Grand Master in the premises is right, and his decision should be sustained.

J. P. SANDERS,  
JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
H. C. CLINE,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
WM. H. BARNES.

*Resolved*, That the action and decision of the M. W. Grand Master on the appeal of P. G. E. J. Peck be and the same are hereby approved.

The same committee presented the following report, which was received and the accompanying resolution adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the appeal of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, from the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully report, that the facts as they appear before this committee are these: Bro. Otis had been suspended for non-payment of dues from Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, on the 22d of November, 1869. The brother was proposed for reinstatement, and at the succeeding meeting of the Lodge he was balloted for and declared elected by the N. G. On the 6th day of December, 1869, Bro. Otis was introduced to the Lodge, paid his dues and received the P. W. He thus became a member of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, by their action, and there does not appear to be any fault on the part of Bro. Otis. Subsequently an appeal was taken to the D. D. G. M. of Monroe District, on the ground that the election was illegal, because the brother had not received a two-thirds vote of all members present—the claim being that a number of brethren were present who did not vote and were not counted in the *negative*. The D. D. G. M. decided that the brother was not regularly elected, and required the Lodge to declare said act irregular and therefore void. This decision the M. W. Grand Master sustained, and from this decision Teoronto Lodge appeals to your R. W. Body.

This matter should properly have been referred to the Committee of Appeals, but inasmuch as the subject has been referred to this committee, we find as follows: That the law as held by the M. W. Grand Master is correct. To reinstate a brother who has been suspended it requires a two-thirds

vote of all members in good standing present, and those not voting or who may be excused from voting should be counted in the negative. If such who were present and did not vote were not counted in the negative, and there were not two-thirds of all present in the affirmative, the decision of the N. G. was irregular and contrary to law. An appeal should have been taken from his decision immediately, and before the brother was received into the Lodge. But your committee think it was too late afterward, and the brother could not be removed from the Lodge, except as provided by our laws. The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has held, and such is the law, "That persons who, from no fault of their own, are illegally initiated, cannot be discharged or deprived of their membership for that reason, but are entitled to all the privileges enjoyed by other members." This decision, we think, covers the case in question. If we are right in our views, a compliance by the Lodge with the order in question would be a wrong to an innocent brother, and one that would be productive of harm and injurious to the prosperity of the Lodge.

We therefore recommend that the appeal of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, from the decision of the Grand Master, be sustained, and the decision of the M. W. Grand Master on this subject be reversed.

J. P. SANDERS,  
JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
H. C. CLINE,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
WM. H. BARNES.

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, from the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, be sustained.

Rep. Kennedy, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of New York:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from a convention of Lodges held in the city of New York on the 13th of April, 1870 (p. 544)—

Respectfully report, that the action proposed, namely, to organize and support, under the supervision of this Grand Lodge, an Asylum for the *aged and permanently infirm members of the Order in good standing*, meets with the cordial approbation of your committee.

It is only a matter of wonder that such an institution should have been so long delayed, when the numerical strength and the means at the disposal of the Order in this State are taken into consideration. Especially so when the great need is so apparent and the expense of supporting such an institution by the Order at large is so small.

The general plan submitted by the convention requires but slight modification at our hands, and seems to us in every way calculated to accomplish the object designed.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1st. That there be organized, under the direct sanction of this Grand Lodge, a "Board of Trustees," to hold the legal title of any property that may be acquired by gift, devise, purchase or lease for the use and benefit of an Asylum for *aged and permanently infirm members of the Order in good standing*: and that said Board of Trustees be empowered to manage the property and affairs of the Asylum

to make rules for its government, and to appoint and employ such officers or other assistants as may from time to time be deemed necessary.

2d. That the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Warden, the R. W. Grand Secretary, and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, for the time being, together with four members of the Grand Lodge elected for the purpose in the Grand Lodge, shall constitute the Board of Trustees.

3d. That said Trustees be and are hereby authorized to file in the proper offices a certificate of incorporation under the laws of the State of New York, to enable the Board to receive, hold and pass title to property under the name and style of "The Odd Fellows' Asylum of the State of New York for Aged and Infirm Members of the Order."

4th. That for the support and maintenance of the Asylum, each Lodge in the jurisdiction is authorized and required to charge and collect from each of its members "Asylum dues," at the rate of not less than *one cent* per week, which collections shall be paid over to the Grand Treasurer, through the Grand Secretary, semi-annually, within one month after the close of each Lodge term. The Grand Secretary shall immediately pay over to the Grand Treasurer all such "Asylum dues" as he may receive, carefully crediting the proper Lodges for the payments made, and make full report thereof at the Annual Session. The Grand Treasurer shall hold all such receipts of moneys separately for the use and benefit of the Odd Fellows' Asylum for the Aged, and only to be expended pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.

5th. That at the first election of the Trustees provided for in the second resolution, the whole number of four Trustees shall be elected; and on the organization of the Board of Trustees it shall be determined by lot which of said Trustees shall serve for one, two, three and four years respectively; and thereafter, at each Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, one Trustee shall be elected for four years to fill the expired term, and, when vacancies may have occurred by death, resignation or refusal to serve, for the unexpired term.

6th. That the Grand Master shall, *ex officio*, be President of the Board of Trustees; in like manner the Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer shall be Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Very respectfully submitted,

J. P. SANDERS,  
JOHN A. KENNEDY,  
WM. H. BARNES,  
J. G. CLAYTON,  
CORNELIUS GLEN,  
H. C. A. SAUER,  
H. CLINE.

The report was received. The resolutions being under consideration,

Rep. Fonda raised the following point of order: Is it competent for the Grand Lodge to assess Subordinate Lodges or members for asylum dues?

The Grand Master decided that, under the present Constitution and laws of this jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge had not the power to levy and collect assessments from Subordinate Lodges, except to originate and regulate the means for its own support; hence, that a resolution for a compulsory collection of taxes or dues, for the purpose and in the manner proposed, was not in order.

Rep. Peck raised the following point of order: Can this Grand Lodge authorize or require its officers, or any of them, to become trustees of an incorporated institution?

The Grand Master decided that the Grand Lodge could authorize, but could not require them so to act.

Rep. Stebbins proposed an amendment to the first portion of the fourth resolution, to the effect that the payment of asylum dues by Lodges be made voluntary; while this proposition was being reduced to writing,

Rep. Bowers moved that the resolutions reported by the committee be laid upon the table, which motion was adopted.

Rep. Irwin, from the Committee of Petitions, presented the following report. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York.*

The Committee of Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the organization of a Rebekah Degree Lodge to be located in the city of Brooklyn, Kings County, to be greeted as Olive Branch Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. —, do indorse the petition and recommend that a Charter be granted.

TRACY R. MORGAN,  
JAMES IRWIN,  
W. B. COLLINS,  
PETER H. JOBES,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
JOHN GALBRAITH,  
H. S. ANDREWS,  
J. F. HAUCK.

The same committee submitted the following, which was received and the recommendation adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Petitions, to whom was referred the application of Canandaigua Lodge, No. 236, to be attached to the District of Monroe until such time as they shall have a sufficient number of Lodges in Ontario County to form a separate district, recommend that the subject be referred to the Standing Committee, who have power to grant the request.

TRACY R. MORGAN,  
JAMES IRWIN,  
PETER H. JOBES,  
WILLIAM B. COLLINS,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
JOHN GALBRAITH,  
H. S. ANDREWS,  
J. F. HAUCK.

The same committee presented the following report, which was received and the recommendation adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the organization of a Working Lodge in the German language, to be lo-

cated at Troy, Rensselaer County, to be greeted as Rhein Lodge, No. —, do indorse the application and recommend that a Charter be granted.

JAMES IRWIN,  
PETER H. JOBES,  
H. S. ANDREWS,  
J. F. HAUCK,  
JOHN GALBRAITH,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
W. B. COLLINS,  
TRACY R. MORGAN.

The same committee submitted the following, which was received and the recommendation adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the organization of a Working Lodge, in the German language, to be located in the City and County of New York, to be greeted as Apollo Lodge, No. —, do recommend that a Charter be granted.

JAMES IRWIN,  
PETER H. JOBES,  
TRACY R. MORGAN,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
JOHN GALBRAITH,  
W. B. COLLINS,  
H. S. ANDREWS,  
J. F. HAUCK.

The same committee submitted the following, which was received and the recommendation adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the reinstitution of Jamaica Lodge, No. 247, formerly of the jurisdiction of Southern New York, located at Jamaica, Queens County, recommend that their Charter be restored or a new one granted.

TRACY R. MORGAN,  
JAMES IRWIN,  
PETER H. JOBES,  
WILLIAM B. COLLINS,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
JOHN GALBRAITH,  
H. S. ANDREWS,  
J. F. HAUCK.

The same committee submitted the following, which was received and the recommendation adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Petitions, to whom was referred the application of Ehrenbreitstein Lodge, No. 153, for permission to change their place of meeting from Burlington Flats, in the District of Otsego, to Edmeston Centre, in the same district, recommend that permission be granted to make the change.

TRACY R. MORGAN,  
WILLIAM PRADFORD,  
W. B. COLLINS,  
JOHN GALBRAITH,  
H. S. ANDREWS,  
J. F. HAUCK.

The same committee submitted the following, which was received and the recommendation adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Petitions, to whom was referred the application for the organization of a Rebekah Degree Lodge at Canandaigua, Ontario County, to be known and greeted as Minta Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. —, recommend that a Charter be granted.

TRACY R. MORGAN,  
JAMES IRWIN,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
W. B. COLLINS,  
JOHN GALBRAITH,  
H. S. ANDREWS,  
J. F. HAUCK.

The special committee to whom had been referred a portion of the report of the Grand Master submitted the following, which was received and adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Master as is contained under the heading of "Abuses in Printing," respectfully report, that while fully agreeing with him as to the magnitude of the evil he deprecates, they do not see clearly how it can be prevented.

In 1869 Grand Master Gardner proposed the adoption of a general resolution that Subordinate Lodges should have no "right to issue circulars to or enter into correspondence with sister Lodges, without special permission from the Grand Lodge" (Journal, p. 349). This the committee to whom it was referred decided was inexpedient, as "it would interfere with that free communication between Subordinate Lodges which is one of the inherent rights of free speech and free discussion," and that "this right should not be invaded, but its abuse may be punished" (Journal, p. 393). This principle is applicable to the case now alluded to by the Grand Master, and as the Grand Lodge has also its "inherent right" of punishing improper conduct on the part of the Subordinate Lodges, your committee are of opinion that no further legislation is necessary upon that point.

So much as to the general principle involved. A word as to the particular offense to which the Grand Master alludes. The committee have no doubt that this publication by Hermitage Lodge ought to be punished; but as two of the members of this committee were likewise members of the Committee of Appeals, whose unanimous decision forms the groundwork for the issue of this infamous pamphlet, they prefer that the Grand Lodge shall decide what that punishment shall be, independent of any recommendation from this committee. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. CLAYTON,  
MYER STERN,  
THOMAS GODSON.

The Committee of Laws presented the following report, which was adopted:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee of Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the following inquiry, viz.:

"What officers of a Subordinate Lodge must be in possession of the Degree of Rebekah previous to their installation?"

Respectfully report that *all* the officers must be in possession of said degree previous to installation.

E. J. PECK,  
G. LEWECK,  
M. B. PITTS,  
THOMAS LAWRENCE,  
E. A. BARNES.

Rep. Hahn submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this body in the Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to secure the restoration of the apron as a portion of the regalia of the Order, as formerly used.

Rep. Peck submitted the following:

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The undersigned asks leave to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States from the decision of this Grand Lodge, in the matter of the appeal of E. J. Peck from the decision of the Grand Committee of District No. 1 of New York.

E. J. PECK.

The question being taken on the application, permission to appeal was not granted.

Rep. Wm. H. Barnes presented the following:

*Resolved*, That Sec. 1, Art. II. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out, in the second line, the word "Tuesday," and inserting in its stead the word "Wednesday."

On motion, the proposition was recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Session.

The following proposed amendment was submitted, which lies over, under the law:

Amend Sec. 2, Art. IV. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, by striking out the words "at a rate not less than five cents per week, to be," in the second line.

J. D. HOUGHTON,  
M. B. PITTS.

Rep. White submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary shall not be required hereafter to keep his office open on Saturdays, and that preceding rules inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

The Grand Master, pursuant to previous order (p. 551), appointed the following special committee to report at the next session a plan to establish life insurance for the benefit of families of de-

ceased members, viz., Reps. Solomon, Irwin, Leweck, Pople and Macarthur.

Rep. Pitts moved that the "Code of Procedure in Trials and Appeals," reported at the last and laid over until the present session (Journal, pp. 371, 398), be taken up for consideration.

Rep. Sanders moved that action upon said code be further deferred until the Annual Session of 1871, which motion was adopted.

Rep. Aitken presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to defray the traveling expenses of the Grand Master in visiting Subordinate Lodges, in his official capacity, during the current year.

Rep. Lent moved to amend by a division of the proposed sum, and to appropriate one hundred dollars for the expenses of the junior Past Grand Master and one hundred dollars for those of the Grand Master.

On motion, the subject was laid upon the table.

The Grand Master presented the names of the following Past Grands as District Deputy Grand Masters for the current year. The appointments, on motion, were confirmed.

DISTRICT.	D. D. G. M.	LODGE.	NO.
Albany.....	HIRAM HOLBROOK,	Laurel,	24
Allegany.....	D. L. VAUGHAN,	Talmud,	204
Chatauqua..	M. W. HUTTON,	Ellicott,	221
Chemung, Schuyler & Tioga..	W. L. GIBSON,	Newtown,	89
Chenango.....	H. C. WILLCOX,	Canasawacta,	205
Columbia.....	THOMAS P. NASH,	Allen,	92
Cortland and Broome.....	ALLEN PERKINS,	Calumet,	62
Delaware.....	W. E. BATES,	Hobart,	63
Dutchess.....	WALTER GORING,	Lafayette,	18
Erie.....	A. P. MASON,	Niagara,	25
Franklin.....	D. S. CAMP,	Neshoba,	78
Genesee.....	ASA F. LAWRENCE,	Tonawanda,	145
Jefferson.....	SOLON B. HART,	Jefferson Union,	124
Kings, No. 1.....	JOHN H. SUTTER,	Principle.	48
" " 2.....	JAMES C. JOHNSON,	Crusaders',	61
Livingston.....	J. C. WHEATON,	Canaseraga,	123
Monroe & Ontario.....	A. P. BUTTS,	Monroe,	188
Montgomery & Fulton.....	D. DEFOREST,	Amsterdam,	134
New York, No. 1.....	SAMUEL J. PESOA,	Columbia,	1
" " 2.....	RICHARD L. RALEIGH,	Crystal,	107
" " 3.....	PETER H. JOBES,	Continental,	117
" " 4.....	CHRISTIAN ALSFELD,	Germania,	13
" " 6.....	JONAS R. KNAPP,	Tompkins,	9
Niagara.....	JAS. HARVEY MURPHY,	Cataract,	54
Oneida & Herkimer.....	SAM'L H. HANAUER,	Oneida,	70
Onondaga and Cayuga.....	E. AUSTIN BARNES,	Syracuse,	109
Orange & Sullivan.....	THOMAS BLOOD,	Wawayanda,	34
Orleans.....	HENRY A. GLIDDEN,	Orleans,	217
Oswego .....	JOHN R. PIERCE,	Oswegatchie,	156

DISTRICT.	D. D. G. M.	LODGE.	NO.
Otsego.....	HIRAM C. CLINE,	Milford,	150
Queens.....	GEORGE POPEL,	Pacific,	85
Rensselaer.....	SIMEON SAVAGE,	Farmers' & Mech.	157
Richmond.....	ED. J. FLATT,	Richmond County,	88
Rockland.....	JOHN J. LAWRENCE,	Piermont,	83
Saratoga.....	A. P. MALLERY,	Saratoga,	15
Schenectady.....	H. W. HOWD,	St. Pauls,	17
Steuben.....	THOS. TAYLORSON,	Corning,	94
St. Lawrence.....	ELIJAH WHITE,	Ogdensburg,	98
Suffolk.....	PHIL. R. JENNINGS,	Suffolk,	90
Tompkins.....	THOS. P. ST. JOHN,	Ithaca,	71
Ulster and Greene.....	JAMES G. TUBBY,	Aretas,	172
Washington.....	JAMES GIBSON, JR.,	Salem,	45
Westchester and Putnam.....	THOS. R. JONES,	Mt. Vernon,	195
Wayne.....	LEWIS B. KEELER,	Pierian,	243

Rep. Sanders offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

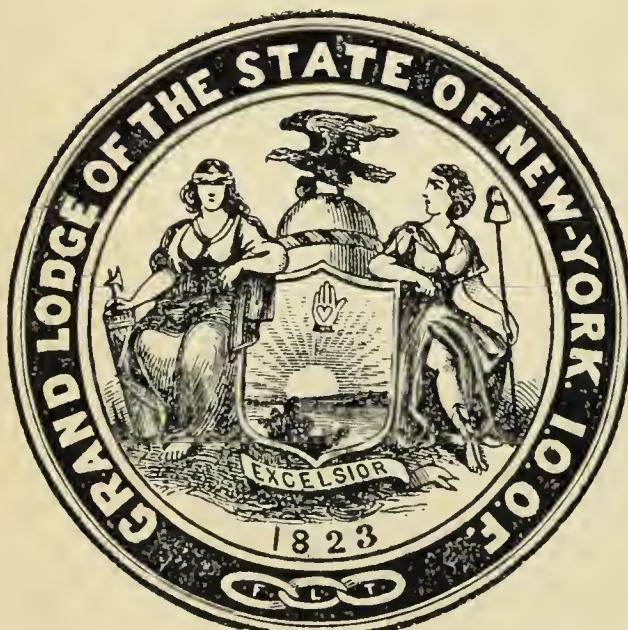
*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby tendered to the Odd Fellows of Rochester for the many acts of courtesy and kindness extended to us during the present Annual Session. The free use of their elegant and commodious hall, the entertaining and instructive public demonstration at Washington Hall and the social reunion under the auspices of Humboldt Lodge on the afternoon and evening of the 17th instant, command our most sincere acknowledgments, and will be ever remembered with the liveliest gratitude.

The business of the Grand Lodge having been concluded, the W. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace in prayer.

By order of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York closed.

CHARLES V. CLARK,

*Grand Secretary.*



## APPENDIX.

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### A.

#### PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

DANIEL WOOD, M. W. GRAND MASTER, of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, Rochester, Monroe County.

EDWIN S. RALPHS, R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, of Empire Lodge, No. 64, New York City.

WILLIAM LACY, R. W. GRAND WARDEN, of Hope Lodge, No. 2, Albany.

CHARLES V. CLARK, R. W. GRAND SECRETARY, of State Rights Lodge, No. 46, New York City.

JACOB RUSSELL, R. W. GRAND TREASURER, of Ark Lodge, No. 28, New York City.

JAMES TERWILLIGER, SENIOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, of Syracuse Lodge, No. 109, Syracuse, Onondaga County.

EDWARD J. HAMILTON, JUNIOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 31, New York City.

J. DUNBAR HOUGHTON, W. GRAND CHAPLAIN, of Wenona Lodge, No. 111. Address, Oneida, Oneida County.

G. HENRY ROBERTS, W. GRAND MARSHAL, of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, Rochester, Monroe County.

A. B. CALDWELL, W. GRAND CONDUCTOR, of Onondaga Lodge, No. 79, Syracuse, Onondaga County.

STEPHEN L. PRESTON, W. GRAND GUARDIAN, of Middletown Lodge, No. 112, Middletown, Orange County.

CHARLES MACDONALD, W. GRAND HERALD, of National Lodge, No. 30, New York City.

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### B.

#### CANDIDATES FOR GRAND OFFICES.

##### FOR GRAND MASTER.

DANIEL WOOD, of Teoronto Lodge, No. 8, at Rochester. Nominated by the Districts of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Erie, Genesee, District No. 1 of Kings, Monroe, Montgomery and Fulton, Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of New York, Oswego, Otsego, Queens, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Tompkins, Ulster and Greene, Washington, Westchester and Putnam.

## FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

**EDWIN S. RALPHS**, of Empire Lodge, No. 64, at New York City. Nominated by the Districts of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Erie, Genesee, Kings District No. 1, Monroe, Montgomery and Fulton, Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of New York, Oswego, Otsego, Queens, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Tompkins, Ulster and Greene, Washington, Westchester and Putnam.

## FOR GRAND WARDEN.

**WILLIAM LACY**, of Hope Lodge, No. 2, at Albany. Nominated by the Districts of Albany, Dutchess, Erie, Monroe, Districts Nos. 1 and 2 of New York, Rensselaer, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Washington, Westchester and Putnam.

**JOHN W. COLE**, of Trojan Lodge, No. 27, at Troy. Nominated by the Districts of Columbia, District No. 1 of Kings, District No. 4 of New York, and District of Oswego.

**THOMAS P. ST. JOHN**, of Ithaca Lodge, No. 71, at Ithaca. Nominated by the District of Tompkins.

**JOHN F. SASS**, of Eckford Lodge, No. 72, at New York City. Nominated by District No. 3 of New York.

**HIRAM C. CLINE**, of Milford Lodge, No. 150, at Milford. Nominated by the District of Otsego.

**JEFFERSON McCausland**, of Aretas Lodge, No. 172, at Rondout. Nominated by the District of Ulster and Greene.

## FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

**CHARLES V. CLARK**, of State Rights Lodge, No. 46, at New York. Nominated by the Districts of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Erie, Genesee, Kings District No. 1, Monroe, Montgomery and Fulton, Districts Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6 of New York, Oswego, Otsego, Queens, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Tompkins, Washington, Westchester and Putnam.

**CALEB S. CLAY**, of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 86, at Kingston. Nominated by the District of Ulster and Greene.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

**JACOB RUSSELL**, of Ark Lodge, No. 28, at New York. Nominated by the Districts of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Erie, Genesee, District No. 1 of Kings, Monroe, Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of New York, Otsego, Queens, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Tompkins, Ulster and Greene, Washington, Westchester and Putnam.

**JOHN McDONALD**, of Amsterdam Lodge, No. 134, at Amsterdam. Nominated by the District of Montgomery and Fulton.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

**WILLIAM MADDEN**, of Rensselaer Lodge, No. 53, at Troy. Nominated by the Districts of Dutchess, Erie, Genesee, Montgomery and Fulton, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Ulster and Greene, Washington, Westchester and Putnam.

**EDWARD J. HAMILTON**, of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 31, at New York. Nominated by Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 of New York, Rockland and Tompkins.

**CORNELIUS A. MARVIN**, of Principle Lodge, No. 48, at Brooklyn. Nominated by the Districts of Albany, District No. 1 of Kings, Monroe, Queens, Schenectady.

**DANIEL P. BARNARD**, of Principle Lodge, No. 48, at Brooklyn. Nominated by the District of Columbia.

## C. TABLE OF VOTES FOR GRAND OFFICERS.

LODGES.	G. M.	D. G. M.	GRAND WARDEN.					G. S.	G. T.	GRAND REPS.				
	Daniel Wood.	E. S. Ralphs.	Wm. Lacy.	John W. Cole.	T. P. St. John.	John F. Sass.	J. W. McCausl'd	C. V. Clark.	C. S. Clay.	Jacob Russell.	J. McDonald.	E. J. Hamilton.	C. A. Marvin.	D. P. Barnard.
Columbia	No. 1	9	9	1	1	3	11	9	9	9	1	7	2	..
Hope	2	4	4	4	..	..	..	4	4	4	1	3	..	..
Genesee	3	10	10	11	..	..	..	11	11	..	..	11	..	..
Straugers' Refuge	4	4	4	4	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	4	..	..
Whitehall	5	14	14	14	..	..	..	14	14	14	14	..	..	..
Cortland	6	5	5	5	..	..	..	5	5	5	5	..	..	..
Clinton	7	17	17	17	..	..	..	17	17	..	5	..	12	..
Toronto	8	20	27	27	..	..	..	27	27	..	..	..	27	..
Tompkins	9	9	9	..	9	..	..	9	9	..	..	9	..	..
New York	10	7	7	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	7	..	..
Gettys	11	6	6	6	..	..	..	6	6	..	6	..	..	..
Mohawk Valley	12	3	3	3	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	3	..
Germania	13	26	26	..	26	..	..	26	26	..	..	26	..	..
Teutonia	14	30	30	..	30	..	..	30	30	..	..	30	..	..
Saratoga	15	6	6	6	..	..	..	6	6	..	5	..	..	..
German Colonial	16	31	31	..	..	..	..	31	31	..	21	..	10	..
St. Paul's	17	14	14	12	1	1	..	13	13	..	2	..	12	..
La Fayette	18	8	8	7	1	..	..	8	8	..	1	7	..	..
Fireman's	19	35	35	35	..	..	..	35	35	..	..	35	..	..
Poughkeepsie	21	9	8	1	9	..	..	3	7	7	3	7	3	..
Knickerbocker	22	9	9	8	..	1	..	9	9	..	..	9	..	..
Mariners'	23	7	7	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	..	..	7
Laurel	24	12	12	11	1	..	..	11	1	9	3	12	..	..
Niagara	25	7	7	..	7	..	..	7	7	..	7	..	..	..
Brooklyn	26	7	7	..	7	..	..	7	7	..	..	7	..	..
Trojan	27	26	26	14	12	..	..	26	26	..	26	..	..	..
Ark	28	12	10	9	..	1	1	12	12	..	..	12	..	..
Mohegan	29	4	4	4	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	4	..	..
National	30	8	8	8	..	..	..	8	8	..	8	..	..	..
Olive Branch	31	7	7	3	3	4	..	7	7	..	12	..	..	..
American	32	15	15	5	10	..	..	15	15	..	9	..	6	..
Metropolitan	33	6	5	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	4	..	2	..
Wawayanda	34	1	1	..	3	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Covenant	35	3	3	..	3	..	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..
Enterprise	36	8	8	..	8	..	..	8	8	..	..	8	..	..
Buffalo	37	7	10	4	5	..	..	9	9	..	8	..	..	..
Mt. Hermon	38	18	18	18	..	..	..	18	18	..	15	..	3	..
Nassau	39	8	8	8	..	..	..	8	8	..	..	8	..	..
Greenwich	40	6	6	..	..	6	..	3	1	3	3	..	6	..
Phœnix	41	24	24	24	..	..	..	24	24	..	..	24	..	..
Holley	42	15	15	14	1	..	..	15	15	..	1	..	14	..
Concordé	43	10	10	10	..	..	..	10	10	..	..	10	..	..
Philadelphia	44	7	7	6	1	..	..	7	7	..	1	..	6	..
Salem	45	8	8	..	8	..	..	8	8	..	7	..	..	..
State Rights	46	3	3	3	..	..	..	3	3	..	1	1	1	..
Mercantile	47	7	7	..	..	7	..	7	7	..	7	..	..	..
Principle	48	22	22	22	..	..	..	22	22	..	..	..	22	..
Hancock	49	5	5	..	..	5	..	5	5	..	..	5	..	..
Atlantic	50	12	12	..	12	..	..	12	12	..	..	11	1	..
Confidence	51	11	11	6	5	..	..	11	11	..	..	10	..	..
United Brothers	52	22	22	..	22	..	..	22	22	..	..	22	..	..
Rensselaer	53	15	15	13	2	..	..	15	15	..	15	..	..	..
Cataract	54	6	6	6	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	6	..	..
Arcturus	55	6	6	6	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	6	..	..
Havana	56	7	7	..	..	7	..	7	7	..	7	..	..	..
Mutual	57	11	11	..	..	..	11	11	11	..	11	..	..	..
Albion	58	6	6	6	..	..	..	5	1	6	..	..	6	..
Ulster	59	6	6	..	..	..	..	6	2	4	5	1	..	..
Howard	60	7	7	..	5	..	..	6	6	6	..	7	..	..
Crusaders'	61	10	19	..	19	..	..	19	19	..	1	..	18	..
Calumet	62	2	2	..	2	..	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	..
Hobart	63	6	6	2	2	..	..	2	6	6	3	1	2	..
Empire	64	12	12	11	1	..	..	12	12	..	..	12	..	..
Highland	65	22	22	22	..	..	..	22	22	..	..	22	..	..
Rochester City	66	11	11	9	..	..	..	11	11	..	..	11	..	..
Beacon	67	7	7	..	..	..	7	7	7	..	7	..	..	..
Central City	68	4	4	..	4	..	..	4	4	..	4	..	..	..

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Sincérité..... No 69	4	4	2	2	...	...	4	4	...	...	4	...	4
Oneida..... 70	6	6	6	...	13	...	6	6	...	...	6	...	6
Ithaca..... 71	13	13	...	...	...	10	10	13	13	...	13	...	...
Eckford..... 72	10	10	...	5	...	...	5	5	2	...	5	...	8
Pembroke..... 73	5	5	...	1	...	...	7	7	...	...	7	...	...
Pilgrim..... 74	7	7	6	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	2	...	...
Cryptic..... 75	2	...	...	1	...	...	9	9	...	1	...	8	...
Mt. Carmel..... 76	9	9	9	...	...	...	6	6	6	6	...	...	...
Golden Rule..... 77	6	6	...	5	...	...	11	11	11	11	...	...	...
Neshoba..... 78	11	11	11	...	25	...	27	27	...	...	...	27	...
Onondaga..... 79	27	27	2	...	...	10	10	10	10	...	10	...	...
Brookhaven..... 80	10	10	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	3	...	...	...
Niagara Falls..... 81	3	3	2	...	...	...	21	21	21	21	...	21	...
German Oak..... 82	21	21	...	21	...	1	11	11	11	11	...	11	...
Piermont..... 83	11	11	...	...	...	...	13	13	13	13	...	13	...
Warren..... 84	14	14	...	9	...	...	8	8	8	8	...	8	...
Pacific..... 85	8	8	8	...	...	...	24	24	24	24	...	24	...
Kosciusko..... 86	24	24	...	...	...	...	9	9	9	9	...	9	...
Schoneghytada..... 87	9	9	9	...	...	...	6	7	6	5	2	...	...
Richmond County..... 88	7	7	...	...	...	9	8	9	9	9	...	...	...
Newtown..... 89	9	9	9	...	...	...	10	10	10	10	...	10	...
Suffolk..... 90	10	10	...	10	...	...	15	15	15	15	...	15	...
Walhalla..... 91	2	8	8	...	8	...	8	8	8	8	...	8	...
Allen..... 92	15	15	15	...	15	...	4	4	4	4	...	4	...
Samaritan..... 93	15	15	13	2	...	...	15	15	15	15	...	13	...
Skenandoah..... 95	4	4	3	1	...	...	25	25	25	25	...	25	...
Athenian..... 96	25	25	23	2	...	...	15	15	15	15	...	15	...
Salina..... 97	15	15	15	...	...	...	13	13	13	13	...	13	...
Ogdensburg..... 98	13	13	13	...	...	...	11	11	11	11	...	11	...
Otsego..... 103	11	11	...	...	...	...	12	12	12	12	...	12	...
Cornucopia..... 106	12	12	12	...	...	1	11	11	11	11	...	11	...
Crystal..... 107	11	11	10	...	...	...	11	11	11	11	...	11	...
Sauquoit..... 108	4	4	3	1	...	...	4	1	3	...	8	3	4
Syracuse..... 109	12	12	5	7	...	...	12	12	12	12	...	12	...
Ocean..... 110	4	4	4	...	...	...	4	4	4	4	...	4	...
Middletown..... 112	10	10	10	...	...	...	10	10	10	10	...	10	...
Mechanics'..... 113	7	7	5	2	...	...	7	7	7	7	...	7	...
Montauk..... 114	11	11	...	11	...	...	11	11	11	11	...	10	...
Valatie..... 115	9	9	1	8	...	...	9	9	9	9	...	9	...
Smyrna..... 116	6	6	6	6	...	...	6	6	6	6	...	6	...
Continental..... 117	8	8	...	7	1	...	8	8	8	8	...	8	...
Solon..... 118	16	16	...	16	...	...	16	16	16	16	...	7	6
Polar Star..... 119	10	10	9	...	1	...	10	10	10	10	2	8	...
The Woods..... 121	5	5	5	5	...	...	4	1	5	5	...	5	...
Oneko..... 122	14	14	...	14	...	14	14	14	14	...	14	...	...
Cauaseraga..... 123	11	11	11	...	...	...	11	11	11	11	...	11	...
William Tell..... 125	18	18	18	...	...	...	18	18	18	18	...	18	...
Amaranthus..... 126	18	18	...	7	3	1	18	18	18	2	15	...	...
Ivanhoe..... 127	5	5	5	...	...	...	5	5	5	5	...	5	...
Morning Star..... 128	4	4	4	4	...	...	4	4	4	2	2	2	...
Schiller..... 129	19	19	..	19	...	...	19	19	19	19	...	19	...
Minerva..... 130	26	26	...	26	...	...	26	26	26	26	...	26	...
Evergreen..... 131	5	5	5	...	...	...	5	5	5	5	...	5	...
Steuben..... 133	9	9	9	8	...	...	9	9	9	9	...	9	...
Amsterdam..... 134	15	15	...	15	...	...	15	15	15	15	...	16	...
Mt. Sinai..... 135	18	18	...	18	...	...	18	18	18	18	...	18	...
Oundiaga..... 136	8	8	7	1	...	...	8	8	8	8	...	8	...
Humboldt..... 138	16	16	16	...	...	...	16	16	16	16	...	16	...
United States..... 139	3	3	3	...	...	...	3	3	3	2	1	1	...
Diamond..... 140	7	7	6	...	...	1	7	7	7	1	6	...	...
Hempstead..... 141	5	5	5	6	...	...	6	6	6	6	...	6	...
Hudson City..... 142	9	9	9	9	...	...	9	9	9	9	...	9	...
Ustayantha..... 143	7	6	6	7	...	...	6	7	7	7	...	7	...
Mount Ararat..... 144	6	6	6	6	...	...	6	6	6	6	...	6	...
Tonawanda..... 145	10	10	10	1	...	...	10	10	10	9	...	1	...
Schuyler..... 146	12	12	11	1	...	...	12	12	12	12	...	12	...
Hermann..... 147	14	14	14	14	...	...	14	14	14	14	...	14	...

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Central Square .....	No. 149	8	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	8	8	8
Milford.....	150	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	11	11	11	..
City.....	151	11	10	..	11	..	..	..	..	10	11	11	11	..
Neptune .....	152	6	6	5	1	..	..	..	..	6	6	1	5	..
Ehrenbreitstein .....	153	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	10	10	..
Astoria .....	155	8	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	..	..	8
Oswegatchie .....	156	10	10	..	10	..	..	..	..	10	10	..	9	1
Farmers' and Mechanics' .....	157	8	8	3	5	..	..	..	..	8	8	..	..	..
Spring Valley.....	158	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..
Uncas.....	161	6	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	6
Rhinebeck.....	162	6	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	6	6	4	2	..
Lessiug .....	163	14	14	4	10	..	..	..	..	14	14	..	..	14
Preble .....	164	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..
Hermitage .....	165	9	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	9	9	..	..	..
Magnolia .....	166	14	14	10	4	..	..	..	..	14	14	2	11	..
Marathou .....	167	3	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..
Collins .....	168	6	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	..
Union.....	169	10	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	..	..	10
Freemen's.....	170	26	26	26	..	..	..	..	..	26	26	..	..	..
Morrisania .....	171	7	7	1	6	..	..	..	..	7	7	..	7	..
Aretas .....	172	12	12	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	12	..	12	..
Manusville .....	175	9	9	5	4	..	..	..	..	9	9	..	9	..
Eureka.....	177	4	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	4	..	4	..
Odin .....	178	10	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	..	10	..
Lincoln .....	180	23	23	..	23	..	..	..	..	23	23	..	..	23
Point Gratiot .....	181	8	8	..	8	..	..	..	..	8	8	..	8	..
Franklin .....	182	4	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	4
Alleghania .....	183	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	..
Constellation .....	184	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	5
Cherusker .....	185	6	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	6	..
Allemania .....	186	10	10	..	10	..	..	..	..	10	10	9	1	..
Concordia .....	187	10	10	..	10	..	..	..	..	10	10	..	10	..
Monroe .....	188	8	8	5	2	1	..	..	..	8	8	..	3	5
German Bundes .....	190	1	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	..
Yorktown .....	191	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
North Pembroke .....	194	4	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	..
Mount Vernon .....	195	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	6	..
Canaseraga .....	196	3	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	3	..	3	..
Batavia .....	197	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	4	..
Wardville .....	198	11	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	11	11	10	..	1
Parma .....	199	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	3
Stella .....	200	8	8	7	1	..	..	..	..	8	8	..	..	8
Harlem .....	201	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	3	..
Park .....	203	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	1	1
Talmud .....	204	7	6	..	1	..	6	..	..	7	7	7	7	..
Canasawacta .....	205	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	3	..
Lorraine .....	206	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	..
Olympic .....	207	3	3	..	2	..	1	..	..	3	3	..	3	..
Emanuel .....	208	5	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..
Spartan .....	210	7	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	7	7	..
King Solomon .....	211	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	..
Robert Blum .....	213	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Jordan .....	215	7	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	..	..	7
Cayadutta .....	218	5	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	5	..
Manoca .....	219	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	4	..	1	..
Gutt-nberg .....	220	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Ellicott .....	221	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	5	..	5	..
Socrates .....	223	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	2
Oriental .....	224	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Mozart .....	226	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Schenectady .....	227	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	..
Gloversville .....	228	6	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	6	..
Olive Leaf .....	233	5	5	3	1	1	..	..	..	5	5	..	5	..
Canandaigua .....	236	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Red Jacket .....	238	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	5	..

## APPENDIX.

**D. State of New York. Semi-Annual Report of Working Lodges for Term ending September 30, 1869.**

LODGES.	Place of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Rejected.	Withdrawn by Card.	Deaths.	Expelled.	Contributi <sup>g</sup> Members.	Past Grands.	No. Brothers rehived.	No. Widows rehived.	No. Brothers burried.	No. Brothers burried.	Amount Paid for Relievers.	Amount Paid for Widows.	Amount Paid for Deaths.	Amount Edn. catiou of Or- phars.	Total Revenue.	\$447 77	
Columbia..... No. 1	New York .....	12	5	1	2	2	2	83	21	9	190 00	110 00	110 00	110 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	100 00	\$447 77	
Hope..... 2	Albany.....	12	5	2	15	1	34	2	331	28	11	1	110 72	\$50 66	..	..	..	1364 66	..	
Genesee..... 3	Rochester.....	57	2	1	1	1	1	2	135	6	4	..	96 00	..	..	..	..	1098 17	..	
Strangers' Refuge..... 4	New York .....	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	21	4	..	19 72	..	..	..	..	155 47	..	
Whitehall..... 5	Whitehall .....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	103	18	2	..	40 00	10 00	\$25 00	..	..	406 76	..	
Cordland..... 6	Peekskill.....	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	444 48	..	
Clinton..... 7	Albany.....	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	389	40	11	..	157 40	39 00	..	..	..	1165 75	..	
Toronto..... 8	Rochester.....	50	1	2	13	4	4	1	100	37	6	1	163 00	7 00	60 00	45 00	..	354 34	..	
Tompkins..... 9	New York .....	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	110	17	9	..	209 00	..	..	..	..	634 01	..	
New York..... 10	New York .....	13	1	..	..	2	3	..	85	35	5	..	170 00	..	..	..	..	342 02	..	
Gettys..... 11	New York .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130	35	8	..	71 00	..	..	..	..	392 70	..	
Mohawk Valley..... 12	Schenectady.....	8	..	1	2	2	5	1	..	133	34	5	1	187 29	5 00	15 00	..	..	494 18	..
Germany..... 13	New York .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	218	38	13	12	..	218 00	30 00	..	..	..	892 25	..
Tentonia..... 14	New York .....	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	294 35	..	
Saratoga..... 15	Saratoga .....	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	908 20	..
German Colonial..... 16	Albany.....	17	..	2	1	1	1	..	212	34	13	1	..	292 63	100 00	..	..	..	310 16	..
St. Paul's..... 17	Schenectady.....	10	..	2	1	1	1	..	132	33	5	..	190 00	..	..	..	..	517 71	..	
Lafayette..... 18	Wappinger's Falls	8	..	1	1	1	2	..	95	17	4	1	..	99 00	30 00	..	..	..	539 26	..
Fireman's..... 19	Albany.....	10	..	1	1	1	1	..	131	35	5	..	167 00	..	..	..	..	123 10	..	
Tuckahannock..... 20	Trumansburg .....	7	2	3	..	..	..	1	62	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1129 60	..	
Poughkeepsie..... 21	Poughkeepsie .....	14	..	1	2	1	5	..	200	16	4	..	..	92 00	..	..	..	..	213 40	..
Knickerbocker..... 22	New York .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	748 54	..	
Mariners'..... 23	New York .....	15	2	..	4	1	4	..	161	17	15	..	..	311 50	..	..	..	..	438 12	..
Laurel..... 24	West Troy.....	15	..	..	1	1	2	1	102	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	193 97	..	
Niagara..... 25	Buffalo.....	8	..	1	1	1	2	1	..	157	34	7	2	..	234 00	20 00	..	..	437 08	..
Brooklyn..... 26	Brooklyn .....	11	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	83	19	3	..	..	54 00	..	..	..	547 08	..
Trojan..... 27	Troy .....	7	1	1	1	1	1	..	193	36	8	1	..	112 00	10 00	20 00	..	..	514 18	..
Ark .....	28 New York .....	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	118	29	2	1	..	85 50	40 00	45 00	..	..	438 12	..
Mohegan..... 29	Baldwinsville .....	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92	30	4	2	..	44 00	15 00	..	..	193 97	..
National..... 30	New York .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	78	30	4	2	..	41 00	85 00	25 00	..	437 08	..
Olive Branch .....	31 New York .....	2	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	100	33	4	2	..	133 00	35 00	..	..	974 31	..
American..... 32	Albany .....	20	1	1	4	2	..	1	..	152	34	8	1	..	179 00	10 00	15 00	..	771 92	..
Metropolitan..... 33	New York .....	8	1	..	..	1	4	2	..	101	17	4	1	..	140 00	8 00	100 00	..	461 06	..
Wawayanda..... 34	Warwick .....	11	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	55	5	1	..	..	20 00	5 00	..	..	299 34	..
Covenant..... 35	New York .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	128	29	11	1	..	602 43	20 00	40 00	..	664 85	..
Enterprise..... 36	New York .....	13	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	13	15	5	2	..	13 00	56 00	30 00	..	453 45	..
Buffalo..... 37	Buffalo .....	9	4	..	..	..	..	10	..	101	20	2	2	..	15 00	15 00	..	..	523 50	..
Mount Hermon .....	38 Albany .....	14	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	45 00	..	..	..	..	442 30	..

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Morning Star.	128	Chatham	4 Corners	
Schiller.	129	New York		\$1140 70
Minerva.	130	New York		739 26
Evergreen.	131	Matteawan		248 39
Steuben.	133	Brooklyn.		588 77
Amsterdam.	134	Amsterdam		235 47
Mount Sinai.	135	New York		964 92
Onondaga.	136	Onondaga Valley		194 60
Otto.	137	Otto.		
Humboldt.	138	Rochester		
United States.	139	New York		1128 95
Diamond.	140	New York		530 22
Hempstead.	141	Hempstead		215 28
Hudson City.	142	Hudson		350 11
Ustavantha.	143	Port Jervis		515 70
Mount Ararat.	144	Greenpoint		529 35
Tonawanda.	145	Alexander		335 76
Worth.	146	New York		31 30
Schuyler.	147	Utica.		717 43
Hermann.	148	New York		417 80
Central Square.	149	Central Square		747 56
Milford.	150	Portlandville		21 50
City.	151	New York		325 78
Neptune.	152	Stapleton.		317 44
Ehrenbreitstein.	153	West Burlington.		16 64
Astoria.	155	Astoria.		254 39
Oswegatchie.	156	Oswego		385 36
Farmers' & Mechan.	157	Greenbush		926 83
Spring Valley.	158	Dobbs' Ferry		423 43
Accord.	160	Accord		265 45
Uncas.	161	Lafayette.		135 46
Rhinebeck.	162	Rhinebeck		260 15
Lessing.	163	Syracuse		255 10
Preble.	164	Preble		18 06
Hermitage.	165	New York		577 73
Magnolia.	166	Brooklyn.		675 50
Marathon.	167	Marathon		1071 51
Collins.	168	Bellville.		213 97
Union.	169	Brooklyn.		81 60
Fremen S.	170	Walden.		318 65
Morrisania.	171	Morrisania		139 50
Aretas.	172	Rondout		104 15
Patterson.	173	Patte son		511 95
Corinth.	174	Corinth		149 15
Manosville.	175	Mannsville		131 25
Eureka.	177	New York		21 00
Odin.	178	Buffalo.		40 00
Greenport.	179	Greenport		34 50

LODGES.	Place of Meeting.	Total Revenue.									
		Amount Paid for Burial of Dead.	Amount Paid for Relief of Widows.	No. Brothers relieved.	No. Widows relieved.	Past Grand's.	Deaths.	Expelled.	Contributing Members.	Withdrew by Card.	Admitted by Card.
Lincoln No 180	Syracuse	8	2	1	3	1	273	21	7	4	\$122 00
Point Gratiot. 181	Dunkirk	2	1	1	4	1	31	13	1	9 00	\$45 60
Franklin 182	Gravesend	1	1	1	8	1	27	13	1	.....	.....
Alleghania	New York	8	2	1	1	1	94	20	10	1	.....
Constellation 184	Lockport	8	1	1	11	1	79	16	1	1	143 00
Cheruskier.	New York	1	2	1	1	1	131	15	4	1	20 00
Allentown 186	Utica	8	2	1	3	1	101	16	3	1	235 00
Concordia 187	Buffalo	11	1	1	10	3	119	15	7	2	28 00
Monroe 188	Brockport	6	1	1	2	9	105	10	1	1	43 00
Hendrick Hudson 189	Catskill	23	1	1	10	3	97	26	1	1	30 00
German Bunds. 190	Buffalo	6	1	1	2	9	73	4	2	1	.....
Yorktown 191	Jefferson Valley	6	1	1	1	1	49	3	1	1	14 00
Amity 192	Spring Valley	4	1	1	1	1	44	4	2	1	105 00
Goethe 193	Morrisania	20	1	1	1	1	93	4	5	1	42 00
North Pembroke 194	North Pembroke	7	1	1	3	1	38	6	1	1	40 00
Mount Vernon 195	Mount Vernon	9	2	1	1	1	49	6	1	1	11 00
Canadesaga 196	Watkins	7	1	5	8	2	2	1	1	1	6 00
Batavia 197	Batavia	4	1	1	2	2	30	4	1	1	61 00
Wardville 198	Bergen	4	1	1	1	1	55	17	4	1	.....
Parnaia 199	Parma Corners	9	2	1	1	1	60	4	1	1	12 30
Stella 200	Brooklyn	28	4	1	2	1	106	7	3	1	10 00
Harlem 201	Harlem	14	1	2	2	2	54	5	5	1	30 00
South East 202	Brewster Station	5	1	2	1	1	34	3	1	1	23 00
Park 203	Hyde Park	4	1	1	1	1	27	1	1	1	10 70
Talmud 204	Wellsville	4	1	3	5	1	59	5	5	1	15 00
Caucasawacta 205	Norwich	42	2	2	5	3	108	14	1	3	45 00
Lorraine 206	Lorraine	2	1	1	1	1	27	2	2	2	77 00
Olympic 207	New York	15	1	1	1	2	94	2	3	2	120 00
Emanuel 208	New York	51	22	2	5	1	120	7	3	1	69 30
Attila 209	Port Jervis	11	22	2	2	1	34	1	1	1	45 00
Spartan 210	Cohoes	19	2	4	4	2	36	8	1	1	15 00
King Solomon 211	New York	66	30	4	2	1	94	4	1	1	63 00
Robert Blum 213	New York	85	32	2	2	1	117	1	1	1	20 00
Beethoven 214	New York	64	30	4	2	1	94	4	1	1	63 00
Jordan 215	Jordan	8	14	10	1	1	21	3	1	1	20 00
Orleans 217	Medina	21	13	8	1	1	34	5	1	1	241 00
Cayadutta 218	Johnstown	8	6	5	1	1	19	4	4	1	100 00
Manoca 219	Waverley	13	17	17	17	1	30	4	4	1	278 00
		264	170	231	204	432	88	16	19690	4155	767 223 83
		2047	170	231	204	432	88	16	5,263	5,263	83 161 75 87,994 34

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## E. State of New York. Semi-Annual Report of Working Lodges for Term ending March 31, 1870.

LODGES.	Place of Meeting.	Total Revenue.												
		Amount paid for Relief of Widows.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.	Past Grands.	No. Brothers buried.	No. Widows relieved.	No. Brothers relieved.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows.	Total Revenue.	
Columbia.....	No. 1 New York.....	5	1	2	4	82	21	12	1	\$187 50	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$513 64	
Hope.....	2 Albany.....	24	1	11	3	37	1	1	1	386 50	37 94	\$15 00	268 90	
Genesee.....	3 Rochester.....	47	1	3	32	7	142	7	8	124 00	10 00	1616 07	1350 60	
Strangers' Refuge.....	4 New York.....	46	1	1	1	1	52	30	8	141 48	10 00	202 41	368 04	
Whitehall.....	5 Whitehall.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	103	19	6	124 00	10 00	.....	377 82	
Cortland.....	6 Peckskill.....	2	1	1	1	2	82	20	3	84 00	80 00	80 00	1835 97	
Clinton.....	7 Albany.....	2	1	1	1	1	406	40	11	2	49 00	80 00	547 66	547 66
Toronto.....	8 Rochester.....	50	4	5	11	12	28	1	1	100 06	20 00	115 00	725 16	
Tompkins.....	9 New York.....	8	1	1	1	3	105	38	5	120 17	3 1	237 00	150 00	
New York.....	10 New York.....	15	2	2	3	5	1	90	36	12	158 00	25 00	498 93	498 93
Gettys.....	11 New York.....	6	1	1	1	1	115	36	8	2	71 00	60 00	34 00	310 95
Mohawk Valley.....	12 Schenectady.....	.....	.....	1	1	9	115	36	8	1	262 00	190 00	190 00	377 67
Germany.....	13 New York.....	6	1	1	1	1	137	35	10	1	252 00	220 00	1291 06	1291 06
Tentonia.....	14 New York.....	6	1	1	1	1	219	40	50	44	10 00	25 00	25 00	358 00
Saratoga.....	15 Saratoga.....	10	2	2	1	5	1	72	14	1	272 00	325 00	240 00	1674 26
German Colonial.....	16 Albany.....	27	1	1	1	12	3	232	33	10	3	173 00	50 00	297 73
St. Paul's.....	17 Schenectady.....	1	1	1	1	15	1	105	32	10	1	85 00	39 00	500 76
Lafayette.....	18 Wappinger's Falls.....	10	1	1	2	4	104	18	5	3	159 00	25 00	449 38	449 38
Firman's.....	19 Albany.....	3	3	4	2	5	9	1	1	57 19	1	5 00	15 00	95 50
Tuckahannock.....	20 Trumansburg.....	.....	.....	2	1	3	205	18	8	3	240 00	30 00	15 00	872 48
Poughkeepsie.....	21 Poughkeepsie.....	10	1	1	2	1	30	13	5	1	46 00	25 00	25 00	247 32
Knickerbocker.....	22 New York.....	2	1	1	3	4	167	18	22	1	38 00	25 00	20 00	743 47
Mariners'.....	23 New York.....	17	1	2	1	3	10	121	21	1	112 00	61 00	30 00	718 44
Laurel.....	24 West Troy.....	19	1	1	3	1	1	158	36	23	2	14 00	48 00	545 28
Niagara.....	25 Buffalo.....	2	2	1	1	3	1	88	19	3	4	296 00	30 00	281 25
Brooklyn.....	26 Brooklyn.....	4	1	3	2	1	1	197	38	10	3	114 25	19 00	505 02
Trojan.....	27 Troy.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	114	29	7	3	75 50	10 00	597 66
Ark.....	28 New York.....	6	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	86 31	3	26 00	60 00	452 83
Mohegan.....	29 Baldwinsville.....	3	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	74 30	4	192 00	180 00	1156 38
National.....	30 New York.....	2	1	2	2	1	4	1	2	100 34	10 2	299 00	25 00	760 19
Olive Branch.....	31 New York.....	6	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	150 35	15 1	64 00	23 00	353 35
American.....	32 Albany.....	6	1	1	1	2	1	97	17	5	3	16 00	5 00	236 23
Metropolitan.....	33 New York.....	1	1	1	1	2	1	59	7	1	1	1154 50	10 00	224 85
Wawayanda.....	34 Warwick.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	129 30	16	1	4	86 00	38 62	816 45
Covenant.....	35 New York.....	8	1	1	1	1	1	129 18	4	1	1	70 00	180 00	457 38
Enterprise.....	36 New York.....	6	1	1	1	1	1	109 21	3	1	1	86 00	95 00	558 03
Buffalo.....	37 Buffalo.....	16	1	5	2	2	1	137 137	8	2	2	95 00	90 00	334 60
Mount Hermon.....	38 Albany.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	137 26	8	2	2	95 00	90 00	334 60

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LODGES.	Place of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Rejected.	Withdrewn by Refused.	Suspended.	Debts.	Expended.	Contributing Members.	Past Grands.	No. Brothers Reheaved.	No. Widows Reheaved.	No. Brothers Buried.	Amount Paid for Relief of Widows.	Amount Paid for Burial or Dead.	Amount, Edn. catinon of Or- phans.	Total Revenue.
Nassau..... No 39 Brooklyn.....	13 1	1 1	1 2	4 1	2 1	3	1	26 11	264 97	60 00	1 1	1 1	1 1	46 3	117 300	10 10	\$655 10
Greenwich..... 40 New York.....	6 1	1 2	1 1	5 1	1 2	1 1	5 1	76 15	46 279	00 64	1 1	1 1	1 1	46 38	117 200	10 10	459 40
Phoenix..... 41 Albany.....	5 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	5 1	148 35	46 279	00 64	1 1	1 1	1 1	46 38	117 200	10 10	503 13
Holley..... 42 Holley.....	4 1	1 1	1 1	2 1	1 1	2 1	2 1	129 31	4 2	2 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 351	106 200	15 00	563 29
Concordé..... 43 New York.....	12 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	131 27	6 2	2 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 40	106 200	15 00	910 76
Alphadelpia..... 44 Syracuse.....	5 1	1 1	3 1	5 1	4 1	2 1	2 1	109 17	4 4	4 4	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 40	106 200	15 00	263 68
Salem..... 45 Salem.....	6 1	1 2	2 1	2 2	2 2	1 2	2 2	52 14	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 40	106 200	15 00	142 00
State Rights..... 46 New York.....	13 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	106 14	3 3	3 3	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 40	106 200	15 00	423 62
Mercantile..... 47 New York.....	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	77 30	6 6	6 6	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 411	106 200	15 00	637 74
Principle..... 48 Brooklyn.....	15 2	2 3	3 2	2 1	1 2	1 1	1 1	218 41	7 7	7 7	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 415	106 200	15 00	879 62
Hancock..... 49 New York.....	2 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	124 31	7 5	5 5	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 425	106 200	15 00	738 43
Atlantic..... 50 Brooklyn.....	2 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	186 49	19 19	19 19	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4562	106 200	15 00	594 03
Confidence..... 51 Sangeries.....	4 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	89 22	3 2	2 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 458	106 200	15 00	346 00
United Brothers..... 52 New York.....	4 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	154 33	9 14	14 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 477	106 200	15 00	1059 21
Rensselaer..... 53 Troy.....	4 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	92 21	5 5	5 5	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4736	106 200	15 00	304 64
Cata act..... 54 Lockport.....	4 2	1 1	2 1	2 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	83 13	3 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4129	106 200	15 00	247 25
Arcturus..... 55 Sandy Hill.....	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	46 13	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 425	106 200	15 00	92 34
Havana..... 56 Havana.....	4 1	1 1	3 1	1 1	2 1	1 1	1 1	86 20	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 462	106 200	15 00	166 96
Mtaael..... 57 New York.....	5 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	77 18	4 7	7 3	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 462	106 200	15 00	391 72
Albion..... 58 Albion.....	8 1	1 1	4 1	4 1	4 1	1 1	1 1	113 25	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4200	106 200	15 00	217 20
Ulster..... 59 Sangeries.....	8 2	1 1	2 1	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	126 22	6 6	6 6	2 2	2 2	2 2	16 467	106 200	15 00	618 43
Howard..... 60 New York.....	6 1	1 1	1 1	2 1	1 1	2 1	1 1	71 25	10 10	10 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	16 493	106 200	15 00	429 65
Crusaders'..... 61 Williamsburgh.....	19 1	1 1	1 1	2 1	1 1	2 1	1 1	220 42	13 3	13 3	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4246	106 200	15 00	1066 50
Columnet..... 62 Binghamton.....	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	72 34	2 2	2 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 457	106 200	15 00	369 45
Hobart..... 63 Hobart.....	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	31 13	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4321	106 200	15 00	59 05
Empire..... 64 New York.....	4 1	1 1	4 1	1 1	4 1	1 1	1 1	100 35	12 4	4 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 424	106 200	15 00	689 52
Highland..... 65 Newburgh.....	6 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	149 32	8 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4168	106 200	15 00	552 85
Rochester City..... 66 Rochester.....	14 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	124 22	5 5	5 5	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 460	106 200	15 00	439 15
Beacon..... 67 New York.....	2 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	26 15	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4110	106 200	15 00	516 25
Central City..... 68 Utica.....	5 1	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	1 1	1 1	72 16	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4317	106 200	15 00	209 45
Sincérité..... 69 New York.....	11 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	1 1	1 1	105 26	7 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4242	106 200	15 00	639 09
Oneida..... 70 Utica.....	1 1	2 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	95 36	3 6	6 6	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 430	106 200	15 00	413 50
Ithaca..... 71 Ithaca.....	9 3	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	151 37	7 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4110	106 200	15 00	191 37
Eckford..... 72 New York.....	4 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	107 18	5 2	2 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 445	106 200	15 00	334 97
Pembroke..... 73 Glen Cove.....	7 3	3 3	5 1	5 1	5 1	1 1	1 1	61 12	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4160	106 200	15 00	226 12
Prigrim..... 74 New York.....	9 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	151 19	12 5	5 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4150	106 200	15 00	695 16
Cryptic..... 75 Peekskill.....	6 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	108 20	7 2	2 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4120	106 200	15 00	431 97
Mount Carmel..... 76 Albany.....	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	57 18	2 2	2 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 4109	106 200	15 00	156 84

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LODGES.	Place of Meeting	Total Revenue.									
		Amount Paid for Brethren of Dead.	Amount Paid for Widows.	No. Brothers Buried.	No. Widows Relieved.	Past Grand's.	Contributing Members	No. Brothers Relieved.	No. Widows Relieved.	No. Brothers Relieved.	Amount Paid for Brothers.
Ivanhoe.....	No. 127 Brooklyn.....	1	8	34	21	3	12	150	25	8	\$27 50
Morning Star.....	No. 128 Chatham 4 Corners.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	113	30	6	141 00
Schiller.....	No. 129 New York.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	30	5	170 00
Minerva.....	No. 130 New York.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	70	18	2	172 00
Evergreen.....	No. 131 Matteawan.....	6	1	1	1	1	1	145	38	7	30 00
Steuben.....	No. 133 Brooklyn.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	129	17	6	145 00
Amsterdam.....	No. 134 Amsterdam.....	2	1	3	2	1	1	97	22	5	96 40
Mount Sinai.....	No. 135 New York.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	38	14	1	164 20
Oundiaga.....	No. 136 Onondaga Valley.....	6	2	1	1	1	1	193	30	14	364 00
Otto.....	No. 137 Otto.....	11	7	2	3	1	1	98	15	6	123 50
Humboldt.....	No. 138 Rochester.....	11	7	1	4	1	1	46	22	6	61 00
United States.....	No. 139 New York.....	2	1	2	1	1	1	73	24	6	140 00
Diamond.....	No. 140 New York.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	26	1	16 00
Hempstead.....	No. 141 Hempstead.....	10	1	1	2	1	1	138	26	4	138 00
Hudson City.....	No. 142 Hudson.....	19	1	9	1	5	3	56	13	7	128 00
Ustayantha.....	No. 143 Port Jervis.....	4	1	1	1	20	3	24	17	1	86 00
Mount Ararat.....	No. 144 Greenpoint.....	7	1	2	3	1	1	128	7	6	178 60
Tonawanda.....	No. 145 Alexander.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	103	27	7	233 00
Worth.....	No. 146 New York.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	90	24	1	15 00
Schuyler.....	No. 147 Utica.....	148	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	6	264 00
Hermann.....	No. 149 Central Square.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	25	17	5	344 00
Central Square.....	No. 150 Portlandville.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	83	28	3	15 00
Milford.....	No. 151 New York.....	5	1	1	1	4	1	38	13	1	2 50
City.....	No. 152 Stapleton, St. Is'd	13	1	2	1	1	1	164	30	6	39 00
Neptune.....	No. 153 West Burlington.....	4	1	1	1	4	1	54	19	1	6 00
Ehrenbreitstein.....	No. 154 Astoria.....	1	2	1	1	4	1	131	32	3	71 20
Astoria.....	No. 155 Oswego.....	13	1	1	1	4	1	102	14	3	60 00
Oswegatchie.....	No. 156 Greenbush.....	17	3	10	2	1	1	164	30	4	15 00
Farmers' & Meehan.....	No. 157 Dobbs' Ferry.....	2	1	1	1	4	1	73	17	2	18 50
Spring Valley.....	No. 158 Westford.....	13	1	5	2	1	1	12	9	1	39 00
Elk Creek.....	No. 159 Accord.....	23	3	6	2	1	1	102	14	3	20 00
Uneas.....	No. 160 Aeeord.....	1	2	1	1	4	1	131	32	3	38 00
Rhinebeck.....	No. 161 Lafayette.....	13	1	5	2	1	1	59	22	2	6 00
Lessing.....	No. 162 Rhinebeck.....	3	2	1	1	4	1	103	10	4	36 00
Preble.....	No. 163 Syraeuse.....	5	1	2	1	4	1	79	19	3	48 00
Hermitage.....	No. 164 Preble.....	8	1	2	1	4	1	22	10	1	15 00
New York.....	No. 165 Magnolia.....	14	1	1	2	1	1	118	21	4	253 00
		12	1	1	1	5	1	144	41	9	60 00
										91 69	229 00

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Marathon	167	Marathon	10	1	1	\$10	30	.....
Collins	168	Bellville	12	1	1	20	00	\$3 00
Union	169	Brooklyn	22	1	1	135	96	82 50
Freemen's	170	Walden	30	13	4	14	50	\$60 00
Morrisania	171	Morrisania	146	32	4	5	00	50 00
Aretas	172	Rondout	137	15	1	12	00	30 00
Patterson	173	Patterson	34	6	1	15	00	15 00
Corinth	174	Corinth	53	9	1	25	00	15 00
Manusville	175	Mannsville	56	13	1	162	50	35 00
Eureka	177	New York	80	24	4	83	16	102 00
Odin	178	Buffalo	65	23	4	39	00	100 00
Greenport	179	Greenport	52	14	7	300	00	20 00
Lincoln	180	Syracuse	274	22	12	144	00	144 00
Point Gratiot	181	Dunkirk	34	14	2	10	00	.....
Franklin	182	Gravesend	30	14	1	16	00	.....
Alleghania	183	New York	100	21	11	225	00	40 00
Constellation	184	Lockport	78	15	1	20	00	40 50
Cheruskier	185	New York	131	15	6	105	00	100 00
Allemania	186	Utica	104	18	4	48	00	.....
Concordia	187	Buffalo	108	16	5	205	00	40 00
Monroe	188	Brockport	100	10	4	74	00	.....
Hendrick Hudson	189	Catskill	101	25	7	208	00	10 00
German Bundes	190	Buffalo	74	6	1	15	00	.....
Yorktown	191	Jefferson Valley	51	4	2	43	00	.....
Anity	192	Spring Valley	45	6	2	196	00	60 00
Goethe	193	Morrisania	103	6	4	.....	.....	648 83
North Pembroke	194	North Pembroke	22	8	1	.....	.....	87 69
Mount Vernon	195	Mount Vernon	55	6	1	24	00	31 25
Canadesaga	196	Watkins	84	9	1	5	00	18 73
Batavia	197	Batavia	32	5	1	5	00	.....
Wardville	198	Bergen	50	17	2	5	00	.....
Parma	199	Parma Corners	61	5	1	.....	.....	175 81
Stella	200	Brooklyn	116	7	6	110	00	702 14
Harlem	201	Harlem	64	6	2	11	12	50 00
Southeast	202	Brewster Station	41	4	1	.....	.....	415 74
Park	203	Hyde Park	31	2	1	30	.....	271 05
Tamud	204	Wellsville	51	7	1	.....	.....	131 31
Canasawacta	205	Norwich	112	14	1	.....	.....	164 30
Lorraine	206	Lorraine	53	3	1	67	00	267 50
Olympic	207	New York	94	3	1	248	00	232 70
Emmanuel	208	New York	131	8	1	8	00	557 82
Attila	209	Port Jervis	40	3	1	48	00	619 66
Spartan	210	Cohoes	53	8	4	111	00	191 30
King Solomon	211	New York	102	1	7	25	00	490 89
Robert Blum	213	New York	127	1	4	35	00	536 63
Beethoven	214	New York	140	6	1	145	00	777 95
Jordan	215	Jordan	42	8	1	100	00	905 58
Orleans	217	Medina	47	7	1	.....	.....	144 35

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LODGES.	Place of Meeting.	Initiated.		Admitted by Card.		Rejected.		Reinstated.		Withdrawn by Card.		Contributing Members.		Past Grand's.		No. Brothers Relieved.		No. Widows Relieved.		No. Brothers Relieved.		No. Widows Relieved.		Amount paid for Burial or Dead.		Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.		Amount paid for Relief of Widows.		Amount, Edu- cation of Or- phans.		Total Revenue.	
		1913	256	172	244	399	770	111	20	20732	4299	1092	322	101	21,707	88	6,555	80	4,972	82	259	00	98,930	45									
Cayadutta..... No. 218	Johnstown.....	14	3	2	4	5	1	...	...	38	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$202	50									
Manoca..... 219	Waverley.....	33	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	64	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	391	51									
Guttenberg..... 220	Amsterdam.....	12	21	2	1	2	1	...	...	32	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	614	48									
Ellicott..... 221	Jamestown.....	33	12	14	1	1	4	...	...	59	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	443	03									
Stafford..... 222	Stafford.....	20	6	4	4	8	...	1	...	30	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	240	98									
Socrates..... 223	Williamsburgh.....	89	20	...	...	20	...	...	...	108	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	397	75									
Oriental..... 224	Buffalo.....	38	20	...	...	20	...	...	...	58	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	353	07									
Ceres..... 225	Brooklyn.....	13	20	...	...	20	...	...	...	33	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	420	45									
Mozart..... 226	New York.....	13	30	...	...	30	...	...	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	287	11									
Schenectady..... 227	Schenectady.....	17	20	...	...	20	...	5	...	37	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
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## REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

ALBANY.

ALBANY, June 27, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In compliance with my duty as your official agent for the District of Albany, I herewith respectfully submit my annual report of the work of the several Lodges under my charge.

Before giving details of the standing, etc., of each Lodge, allow me to congratulate you upon the increased prosperity and the excellent condition of the Order in this district. Peace and harmony prevail, and the Lodges, with but slight exceptions, are hearty and vigorous. Young and influential men of the best standing in society are seeking admission into our Lodges, and are active co-workers in the good cause, while old members, who have of late years been rather careless and neglectful, are again returning to their duties and exhibit renewed zeal and activity.

There are in this district twelve Subordinate Lodges, two Degree Lodges and one Rebekah Degree Lodge.

Hope Lodge, No. 2, reported March 31, 1869, but eight members. My fond expectations, as expressed in my report to your predecessor in regard to this Lodge, are more than realized, and I am happy to be able to state that she stands to-day with a firm and proud front, an ornament to the Order, and an example to perhaps many Lodges in this State. She reports, March 31, 1870, fifty members, being an increase of 42; and, from present appearances, I am confident that my successor will be able to report a larger increase of membership next year, as not less than twelve candidates are awaiting initiation. No Lodge in this district is better attended, and none exhibits more energy. The Order is greatly indebted to P. G. William Lacy for his unceasing efforts to accomplish this glorious result.

Clinton Lodge, No. 7, is in good condition. She has good material, and hence her meetings are well attended, and the officers and members are ever ready to discharge their respective duties cheerfully and promptly. She reported, March 31, 1869, 74 members, and reports March 31, 1870, 82 members, being an increase of eight.

German Colonial Lodge, No. 16, reported, March 31, 1869, 200 members. She reports now 232, an increase over last year of 32 members. Her officers are alive to the interest of the Order, and the members are ready at all times to respond to its demands and the advancement thereof. She averages at Lodge meetings an attendance of about ninety.

Fireman's Lodge, No. 19, needs no eulogy from me. Having within her family some of the best material in this district, she consequently must be in first-class condition. She is now, and has been during the last year, very well officered, and the meetings are well attended. She reports a membership of 131, against 122 in March, 1869—an increase of nine members.

Laurel Lodge, No. 24, is located in West Troy. She is a live institution, and of course prosperous in every respect; she is well officered, and the attendance at Lodge meetings is also very good. She reports an increase of 31 members since last annual report.

American Lodge, No. 32, is doing well. She reports an increase of 17 members over last year. The Lodge is well attended, and every thing works smoothly and prosperously.

Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 38, being the Lodge to which I belong, I take special pride in saying is second to none in this district. The Lodge is well officered, well attended, and the members are alive to their respective duties as Odd Fellows. The reports of this Lodge will bear me out in saying that her widows and orphans are well taken care of. She reports an increase of ten members over last year.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 41, is also in excellent condition. She has live members on her roll, who possess the true ring of Odd Fellowship, and who believe in a strict

guardianship of every thing appertaining to the Order. She reported last year 130 members, and reports March 31, 1870, 148, being an increase of 18. Attendance very good.

Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 76, is in better condition than she was at my last annual report. More energy seems to be disp'ayed by her members, and the Lodge is better attended. I hope my successor will be able to report a larger increase of members next year, for I confidently believe that the brethren of this Lodge do not mean to be any longer behind sister Lodges in this district. She reported an increase of but one member.

Schonegħtada Lodge, No. 87, I am sorry to say, has further decreased in membership, caused mainly by suspension. She is otherwise in good condition, and is trying to make up in quality what she lacks in quantity. Since the installation of her present officers she has already initiated several candidates. I accept this as a good omen for the future, believing that my admonition to the present officers and the encouragement given to the Lodge have already been productive of good results. She reports a decrease of four members during last year.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 93, is in very good condition. She displays more vigor than for some time past. She is well officered, has a good attendance at Lodge meetings, and reports an increase of nine members since last annual report.

Spartan Lodge, No. 210, is located in Cohoes. She reported March 31, 1869, but 15 members, and reports March 31, 1870, 55—an increase of 40. Although this Lodge was reinstated but 15 months ago, and might be termed a new Lodge, yet none in this district is more vigorous and healthy. The brethren have lately fitted up a new Lodge room at a great expense, procured new regalia, and have otherwise displayed a progressive spirit which augurs well for the future. Her attendance is very good indeed.

Albany City Degree Lodge, No. 11, and Excelsior Degree Lodge, No. 15, are in good working order, and the degrees are conferred by them in a proper and uniform manner. I can but speak in the highest terms of the standing of Excelsior Degree Lodge, No. 15. She is all that a Degree Lodge possibly can be in perfection and general work. I am in hopes that Albany City Degree Lodge will be consolidated with Excelsior Degree Lodge, for the very proper reason that, as several Lodges in this district confer their own degrees, one good Degree Lodge fully meets the requirements of the Order here.

Albany Degree Lodge, No. 9, of the Daughters of Rebekah, I had the honor to institute May 17th, and I believe that in a short time she will be able to inscribe upon her banner the word "Excelsior." The Lodge is well attended, and the "Daughters" seem to take a great deal of interest in the affairs of the Lodge.

I have personally installed all the Lodges in this district, and I am much pleased with the material with which they are officered. I have made it a point to impress upon the minds of the fraternity the necessity of electing none but intelligent and competent men to office, believing it an imperative duty so to do, for experience has fully demonstrated the fact that life and vigor can be instilled into and kept in a Lodge more where this rule is observed than by excitements or experiments.

We have established in this city a Board of Relief, the object being to assist distressed traveling members of the Order. Much good has been done by this Board, but we have also been often imposed upon by persons who came here in distress from other States without the necessary documents or the proper proof accompanying the same; yet, as they were otherwise well posted in some of the work, we allowed our sympathy to get the best of our judgment.

We have also established here a Funeral Aid Association, similar to those established in New York City and in other districts in this State, and we consider it a perfect success. I would, however, suggest the enactment of a law by the Grand Lodge, creating an association of this kind throughout this State, so that every member of the Order should also be a member of said State association, as I firmly believe the Order would be greatly benefited thereby in every respect. I solicit your earnest consideration of this subject.

Your official visit to this district on the 14th of March last, and your careful and thorough instructions in the secret work of the Order, together with your encouraging remarks, have had an excellent effect. The thanks of the fraternity, as well as my own, are due for the same, and are hereby cheerfully tendered. Seeing the

good effect your visit has produced, I firmly believe that the Order requires the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, so that the work thereof may be performed uniformly throughout the State. The labors of the Grand Master of this State must be many and laborious, and it is not to be expected that he can visit all the districts in the State; but if the Grand Lodge would create the office of a Grand Lecturer, and appoint a P. G. who is thoroughly posted in the work of the Order, and who would be required to visit all the districts for the purpose of instruction twice a year, the result thereof can hardly be realized. Such at least is my opinion, and I respectfully recommend this for your consideration.

On receipt of your circular in regard to the action of the G. L. U. S. prohibiting the charge books being taken from the Lodge room by subordinate officers, I hastened, as directed to notify personally each Lodge in the district of the same. This order, although it meets with little favor, is nevertheless cheerfully obeyed. While we do not desire to question the wisdom of said Grand Lodge in this prohibition, or ask the cause which prompted it, the brethren deem it rather uncalled for, inasmuch as the Lodges were about abolishing the use of them; but this action debars a great many officers from committing their respective charges to memory.

It is my duty to call your attention to a pamphlet issued and circulated among the Lodges in this district by Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, of New York City, containing a full history in regard to charges preferred against Samuel Jacobs, of said Lodge, together with the action of the Grand Lodges to which appeals had been made. This pamphlet has received considerable attention by prominent members of the Order here, and the general opinion thereon is that the language made use of toward one of our Grand Representatives is highly improper, undignified and insulting, and, if such actions are allowed to go unchecked, it will tend toward demoralization and insubordination.

A circular signed by Past Grand Sire Kennedy and others, advocating the erection, etc., of an Asylum for Indigent Odd Fellows, has been received by the Lodges here, and is very favorably commented upon. I hope this undertaking, which is a laudable one, will meet with success.

No appeal has been submitted to me for decision. Several questions of law were presented, but as they are of little importance, I do not desire to burden this report therewith.

I have worked for the resuscitation of several extinct Lodges in this district, but without success. From present appearances I conclude that the good time to accomplish this has not come as yet.

I have now given you a full, fair and impartial account of the work of the different Lodges in my jurisdiction, and in reviewing the labors during the past year of this important district, now numbering 1,361 members, I have every reason to feel gratified at the result. We have increased 213 in membership, besides the great good that has been done by the different Lodges.

Soon, M. W. Grand Master, our official connections will cease. Allow me, therefore, to return you my sincere thanks for the courtesies received during your official term. I also cheerfully express my acknowledgments to our able and highly esteemed Grand Secretary, Charles V. Clark, for the same. To the brethren of this district, who have cheerfully seconded me in my efforts to bring this district to the present standard, my thanks are also due and are hereby tendered.

I shall cheerfully surrender my position to my successor, with the satisfaction of knowing that I have done the best for the good of the Order my limited abilities and circumstances permitted; and if my superiors and the brethren in this district have seen any shortcomings in my official actions, may they feel disposed to throw the mantle of charity over the same, remembering that "to err is human, to forgive divine."

Hoping that our beloved Order will continue to prosper, and wishing you and your family health and prosperity, I am yours,

Truly and fraternally,

HENRY C. A. SAUER, D. D. G. M.

## CHEMUNG, SCHUYLER AND TIOGA.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

This district, consisting of Chemung, Schuyler and Tioga Counties, contains four Lodges—Newtown, No. 89, at Elmira; Havana Lodge, No. 56, at Havana; Canadesaga, No. 196, at Watkins; and Monoca Lodge, No. 219, at Waverly. These are all in good working order at this time and the membership continually increasing. During the term ending March 31, 1870, there were initiated in the several Lodges in this district, 65; admitted by Card, 4; reinstated, 8; suspended, 19; expelled, 2; withdrawn, 7. Net gain during term, 49.

There have been harmony and uniformity in the work and a good degree of interest in the Order in this district. The officers of the several Lodges perform their duties well, and are true Odd Fellows. The decisions made by me on questions in regard to the work I do not deem of importance, as they have been in all cases plain and well settled points which are parts of the rules and regulations of the Order as handed down to us by the Grand Lodge of the United States and the R. W. Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction.

W. L. GIBSON, D. D. G. M.

## CORTLAND AND BROOME.

HOMER, July 5, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

I should not discharge the whole of my duty were I to refrain from forwarding to you a report of the condition of the Order within this district for the year that is now about drawing to a close.

I am very happy to be able to say, in the outset, that the condition of the Order within this district is very much improved from what it was one year ago. Then Homer Lodge, of which I am a member, was in a state of decline, and had been for some time previous. One prop after another had fallen, until the fabric had well nigh crumbled to the ground; but, owing to the steadfastness of a few brothers, we have now become strong. Several new members have come within our fold and the old members have greatly revived, so that we are now able to report ourselves in a sound and healthy condition.

Preble Lodge, which was reinstated but a little over one year ago, is now doing well. Quite a number of good substantial citizens have joined its ranks, and we think all that is required to make the Lodge one of the most prosperous within the district is a little zeal and energy on the part of the membership.

Marathon Lodge, located at Marathon, has ever been a live and working Lodge. It has been unfortunate in one or two instances in taking in members who were not possessed of the requisite qualities to make good Odd Fellows, which has caused them some little trouble. But such, I believe, are now cast out from among them, so that nothing impedes their course, and they are now moving on harmoniously and prosperously, doing a good work in their midst. They have been continually gaining in numbers during the past year.

Old Calumet Lodge, at Binghamton, is as immovable as the hills. She has among her numbers men of wealth, men of influence, and, above all, men of unblemished characters. A Lodge possessed of such material, with a good degree of energy combined, cannot but succeed.

The 7th of July last old Centre Lisle Lodge was reinstated. They are now working under a special Dispensation from the Grand Lodge. I do not believe that a Lodge was ever instituted under more flattering prospects of success than was the Lodge at Centre Lisle. They seem to possess the right material and are filled with the right spirit to make a successful working Lodge of Odd Fellows. Nine or ten were received as Ancient Odd Fellows, and sixteen, I believe, were initiated on the evening after installation.

An Encampment has been instituted at Marathon during the past year. I understand it is quite successful.

Public installations have been held in Marathon and Homer Lodges, and have, we think, been attended with good results.

The District Grand Committee had one special session, to consider an appeal

from a brother of Calumet Lodge—the Lodge having refused to grant the brother benefits which he claimed he was entitled to. The committee, after carefully considering the case, sustained the action of the Lodge.

And now, in conclusion, I desire to express my gratitude to the brothers of the different Lodges within the district for their kindness and hospitality to me while visiting them. I also desire to express my obligations to C. V. Clark, the Grand Secretary, for the prompt and gentlemanly manner in which he has responded to all communications addressed to him. Hoping for the final and successful triumph of Odd Fellowship throughout the land, I remain yours, fraternally,

CHAS. H. GILLETTE, P. D. D. G. M.

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DUTCHESS.

POUGHKEEPSIE, July 15, 1870.

N. L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In conformity with the duty devolving on me as your Deputy for the District of Dutchess, I would respectfully report that there are five Subordinate Lodges in this district and one Lodge of the Rebekah Degree.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 18, located at Wappinger's Falls, returns 104 members; average attendance, 40; increase during the past year, 15, and are steadily adding to their numbers. While speaking of this Lodge I must say that during my connection with the Order I have never seen a more realous Lodge of brothers than Lafayette. They are Odd Fellows in the true sense of the term, and their good works do follow them. Wherever the cry of distress is heard they are quick to relieve, and by their example others learn to appreciate Odd Fellowship and are flocking to its standard. They are taking quite an interest in the Degree of Rebekah, and I expect during the coming year to see a Lodge instituted at their place. One of the pleasant occurrences in their Lodge was the presentation of tokens of respect to two of their members, to wit, a gold-headed cane, properly inscribed, to P.G. Peter McGregor, and a gold pen to P.G. John Heald, who has been their Permanent Secretary for a number of years. It was a complete surprise to both of them.

Poughkeepsie Lodge, No. 21, located at Poughkeepsie, is prosperous. They are steadily adding to their numbers. They have increased 14 the past year, and now number 205; average attendance, 50. Poughkeepsie, like Lafayette Lodge, is carrying on the good work, and it is only necessary for them to know that a brother, sister, widow or orphan needs assistance and it is forthcoming at once. The Lodge is officered by our young members, with one exception, which shows the true go-ahead spirit. The work is done without the use of books, which, as you are aware, gives a much better effect. The new members are all taking their degrees about as soon as the law allows, which shows a commendable zeal to work up in the Order. This Lodge had their annual excursion last August. They chartered a large steamer, and, with their many friends, went to Hudson, where they were received by a delegation from the Lodges there and escorted to the city park, where tables and seats were provided and the party spent a couple of hours pleasantly; then re-embarked for home, where they arrived at an early hour, well pleased with the day's recreation. The excursions of Poughkeepsie Lodge are the most popular of any that leave this place, as the best order is preserved, no improper persons permitted on them, and no intoxicating drinks of any kind allowed to be sold.

There is quite a number of old brothers, who were formerly members of No. 59 and No. 21, who would like to reunite with the Order, but are precluded on account of age. I would suggest that the Grand Lodge at its next session take some action upon the subject, allowing the Lodges to receive the brothers as non-benefit members. The brothers would be willing to join on such terms and the Lodges would be willing to receive them. The Order would thereby gain a large number of men of experience and standing in society.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 131, located at Matteawan, is in a more flourishing condition at the present time than it has been for a year past. It is well officered, and there seems a new determination on the part of officers and members to carry on the good work with renewed vigor. I am sorry to say that they number less this year by seven, but I am encouraged to think that in the coming year they will re-

gain the loss and show an increase besides. There is plenty of material to draw from, and it lays with the members to so deport themselves that the world may see the good of Odd Fellowship and enlist under its banner.

One thing I find is much needed—that is, visiting among the different Lodges. In my opinion there is nothing encourages so much as to mingle and exchange friendly greetings with, and receive encouragement and advice from others engaged in the same good work.

Rhinebeck Lodge, No. 162, located at Rhinebeck, like Evergreen, shows a falling off of eight. Their condition is very similar to that of Evergreen; but, like them, they are making up for lost time. A renewed zeal and interest pervades the members and officers, and the future promises bright. Quite an interest is manifested in the Degree of Rebekah. A Charter has been obtained and the Lodge is to be instituted at no distant day, attended by exercises that will be interesting to all who may participate.

I attribute the renewed interest and zeal among the brothers to the fact that they are very generally taking and reading the literature of the Order, thereby gaining knowledge, which is power. When they read what the Order is doing in other places it begets a spirit of emulation and a desire to go and do likewise. I hope before long to see every Lodge and its members in possession of and taking at least one of said publications.

Park Lodge, No. 203, located at Hyde Park, is a live little Lodge, full of the right spirit and zeal. It only wants age and experience to make it one of the best Lodges in the State. Being located in a small village it lacks an abundance of material to draw from; but what they lack in numbers they make up in spirit and zeal. Being a new Lodge, and having every thing to buy on the start, they pay but a nominal sum as sick benefits; still no brother in need would be sent empty away.

Excelsior Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 7, located at Poughkeepsie, was instituted about the middle of April with some eighty Charter members, and is doing finely. It is well officered. It has added but few to its members, from the fact that it had nearly all of them on the start; but there are some outside the fold who are coming in, and occasionally one of the brothers takes a Rebekah, so we are encouraged by the cry of "still they come." Of the institution and installation of its officers it is not necessary for me to tell you, as you were present.

The returns show a total membership of five hundred and thirteen in this district, sixty-five of whom are Past Grands. They also show receipts from all sources of \$4,455.51; amount paid for relief, \$941 75; amount paid for other expenses, \$1,849.17. This exhibits a net increase in the funds of the different Lodges of \$1,664.59.

All the Lodges (except Park Lodge) have large, well furnished rooms, are out of debt, and have a balance to their credit in the treasury.

There has been no business for the Grand Committee to do other than what occurs at all annual sessions, which is an evidence of peace and harmony in the district.

In closing, I would say that I have been treated with courtesy and gentlemanly deportment by the officers and members of the Lodges in this district, and bespeak a continuance of the same for my successor.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

STEPHEN SCOFIELD, D. D. G. M.

ERIE.

BUFFALO, July 13, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

I have the honor to submit the following upon the condition of the Order in the District of Erie, in answer to your circular bearing date March 16, 1870.

We have at present seven Subordinate Lodges, two working in the English and five in the German language, and all in good working order, with a good average attendance.

We have also two Degree Lodges—Erie Degree, No. 3, and Edda Degree, No. 33 (German). The Erie confers degrees the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month, and Edda Degree the first and third Sundays. There is no other evening

for Edda Degree Lodge to confer, except Saturday, but can get no attendance on that evening.

I had the honor, with the assistance of P. G. M. Wm. Gould, to institute Oriental Lodge, No. 224, November 10, 1869. Their number at present is 58 good working members.

I also instituted and installed the officers of Esther Degree Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, No. 3, February 3, 1870. Degrees were conferred upon 19 brothers and 14 sisters during the term. There are now 58 contributing members; it meets the first Thursday in each month.

The initiations during the term ending March 31, 1870, were 64; reinstated, 8; suspended, 29; died, 6; withdrawn, 8; expelled, 1—leaving a total of 581 members April 1, 1870. The Lodge receipts for the same time were \$2,809 52.

The Erie District Grand Committee meets quarterly, and I conferred the Official Degrees upon five Past Grands. The anniversary of April 26th was not celebrated in any public manner, nor in any of the Lodges.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY P. PFEIFFER, D. D. G. M.

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#### GENESEE.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master*:

I would most respectfully report to you that there are five Lodges in my district, that of Genesee County.

Wardville Lodge at last annual report had 55 members; present number, 50—a loss of five members.

North Pembroke, number last term, 38; present number, 32—a loss of six members.

Stafford Lodge, present number of members, 30.

Tonawanda, number last term, 27; present number, 24—a loss of three.

Batavia Lodge, last term, 28; present number, 31—an increase of three.

Number in district reported last term, 148; number at present time, 167. This shows an increase of 19 members.

I would further report that I have personally attended and installed the officers of the different Lodges in my district during the last year, and have also instituted one new Lodge, viz., Stafford, 222.

There is now one Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, viz., Naomi Lodge, No. 5, at North Pembroke, which works well and is doing finely.

I find all the Lodges in good spirits and of a healthy growth. The work by each of them is correct and in accordance with the established usage. I have not been called upon to decide any questions of law during the past year.

Fraternally yours,

May 7, 1870.

HARRY STONE, D. D. G. M.

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#### JEFFERSON.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master*:

I would respectfully report that there are in Jefferson District five Lodges.

Jefferson Union, No. 124. is in prosperous circumstances, having a large membership of good material, united in feeling and action. Usual attendance about forty.

Collins Lodge is doing well, increasing in membership, with an average attendance of from twenty to thirty.

Mannsville is prospering finely, with an average attendance about the same as Collins.

Lorraine Lodge is going ahead first rate. I never knew a new Lodge to do better; attendance from twenty-five to thirty.

These Lodges have regular Rebekah Degree meetings, and the wives of nearly all the married members are engaged with us in the good work of the Order.

Wenona Lodge is not doing as well as could be wished. There is an apathy exhibited on the part of members of this Lodge which can scarcely be overcome. The present N. G. and V. G. promise to do the best they can to revive the spirit of Odd Fellowship in their Lodge.

There has been no Lodge revived or new one instituted, and none has ceased to work during the current year.

The Order is in a healthy and prosperous condition generally in the district, except as above stated; all others are doing well and working correctly.

In F., L. and T., JAS. M. SIGOURNEY, D. D. G. M.

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### KINGS—FIRST DISTRICT.

BROOKLYN, July 27, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In compliance with my duty as your Deputy I present the following as my report of the condition of the Order in District No. 1, of Kings County.

During my official term there have been added Ceres Lodge, No. 225, instituted by yourself, assisted by other Grand Officers, Dec. 8, 1869, and Gowanus Lodge, No. 239, reinstated July 23, 1870, giving to the district at the present time fourteen Subordinate and one D<sup>r</sup>gree Lodge.

All of the Lodges in the district are in good working order, with a fair average attendance. The number of initiations in the district during the year were 213, increasing the membership to 1,420.

Since the last returns Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 127, has thrown off the lethargy that hung around her for some time, and has commenced a career of activity, adding largely to her members, and taking a position among the most active in the district.

The public installation of the officers of Principle, No. 48, and Stella, No. 200, by yourself, has had a tendency to give the Order more notoriety in the community, as an institution whose aim is noble and whose object is good, causing an increased interest to be manifested by the members, and as a consequence many new names have been added to the roll of those professing and practicing its beautiful teachings.

Several of the Lodges have celebrated their anniversaries by literary and other exercises, which have had a tendency for good, bringing the members and their families to a better acquaintance one with the other, increasing the fraternal feeling existing between individual members, and strengthening the bonds of friendship throughout the entire district.

Of Franklin Degree Lodge, No. 13, I must bear testimony (as has been done by my predecessors) to its good work. It is officered by brothers who have that interest in the Order to prepare themselves to exemplify and illustrate the beautiful lessons of our ritual, and well has my selected successor, John H. Sutter, performed the duties of N. G. during the last year, leaving the Lodge enjoying the confidence of all as to the correctness of the work there rendered.

The Rebekah Degree has also received considerable attention in the district, and a Lodge has been projected and will be instituted during the early part of the coming term.

Of the work in the Lodges too much cannot be said of its correctness and the earnest endeavor on the part of the officers toward perfection. Much of this may be attributed to your personal attention and exemplification of the work in the several Lodges. Would that we could be blessed with the same attention in the future, that the progress we have made during the past year might continue.

With many thanks for your kind assistance given me during my term of office, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE F. MILLER, D. D. G. M.

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### KINGS—SECOND DISTRICT.

BROOKLYN, E. D., July 15, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In accordance with my duty, and in compliance with your circular of date March 16, 1870, I herewith present my report as D. D. G. M. of the Second District of

Kings County. My official duties commenced Sept. 3, 1869, at which date I received my warrant of appointment.

At the first regular meetings in October I visited, and, with the assistance of a number of Past Grands, installed the officers elect of Crusaders' and Mount Ararat Lodges. I was present at William Tell, but the installation was performed by P. G. Charles Kiehl, in the German language.

I found, on comparing the Statistical Record with returns, that each Lodge had increased in small number and all were working well except Mount Ararat, which had admitted a family quarrel into the Lodge, which caused considerable discussion and tended to produce ill feeling among the members. It was my advice that the whole thing was improper, and ought not to have come into the Lodge. The result was a division of the Lodge, of which I will speak hereafter.

There is not any Degree Lodge in the district. Crusaders' had a P. N. G. appointed to confer the degrees, and in accordance with my powers, after receiving the recommendation of the Lodge. I appointed P. G. C. Sheppard to confer the five degrees on the members of his Lodge. William Tell also asked the same favor, and, on recommendation, I appointed P. G. Charles T. Schmitt to confer the degrees on her members. According to the returns of these special officers, there have been conferred on Crusaders' members 67 and on William Tell's 198 degrees, all to the satisfaction of the parties concerned.

Oct. 6th I received from P. G. Kiehl an application to call the Grand Committee together to consider the recommending of a Dispensation to organize a new Lodge, with twenty Charter members, a number which had been initiated into William Tell for the express purpose to help organize a new Lodge. On the 18th of October the Grand Committee met and recommended the application.

October 20th a new German Lodge was organized, with twenty Charter members, at 124 and 126 Graham Avenue, in a new and spacious hall which had just been finished. The opening of the Lodge was declared by the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Secretary, Grand Warden and Grand Marshal, after which the Lodge proceeded to elect officers. Past Grand G. Leweck, of German Oak Lodge, together with visiting Past Grands, performed the duty of installing the officers in the German language. There was present a large number of brothers from sister Lodges, all of whom wished the new Lodge great prosperity. After the close of the Lodge the company was invited to partake of a bountiful supply of refreshments; and here I may say I cannot speak too highly of that whole-souled Odd Fellow, P. G. Charles Kiehl, to whom, be it said, I believe this new Lodge owes its existence, and which numbers to-day over one hundred and thirty members. At the installation of officers of this new Lodge in April last, in a little more than five months, they had initiated eighty-nine. I have visited them frequently, and always find them in order—at work. I think this Lodge possesses the ability, disposition, and has around it the material to become one of the largest Lodges in the jurisdiction. P. G. Kiehl and some others have worked with a will in building up Socrates Lodge, No 223. On July 4th they celebrated that day by a parade in regalia, with music, and marched to the Park, where they all enjoyed the day, and with great pecuniary success to the Lodge. The fund of this Lodge exceeds two thousand dollars; the average attendance is about fifty. P. G. Kiehl was appointed to confer the degrees on the members, and returns as having conferred two hundred and thirty-one subordinate and thirty Rebekah Degrees.

Of Crusaders' Lodge, No. 61, little need be said. This old, staunch, steady Lodge is on the increase; they are very cautious who they admit into their Lodge, and do not seem to be over-anxious to increase in numbers. With a membership of over two hundred and twenty they feel as if they could afford to select their candidates for initiation. I find this Lodge in good working order; with such experience as they possess in the persons of P. G.'s Cabble, Dunscomb, Lockhart, Johnson and others, they need but little looking after. The average attendance is about forty. This Lodge held, in August last, a pic-nic at Ridgewood Park, which was, I am informed, very well attended. February 14, 1870, the Lodge celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary by a concert and ball at Masonic Temple. Grand Warden E. S. Ralphs was the orator of the evening. Some fine music was furnished, and reading by a professor of elocution; all gave great satisfaction, closing with a merry dance, which lasted till the small hours of morning. The fund of this Lodge is about seven thousand dollars.

William Tell, No. 125, is working well, notwithstanding the new Lodge had its origin from some of the oldest members of this Lodge. P. G. Kiehl was a Charter member, and they were quite unwilling to let him go; but, possessing the spirit of progress they initiated nine, and returned the amount to the new Lodge, besides donating one hundred dollars to assist them in starting. I have visited them several times, and always found them ready to receive me. The average attendance of this Lodge is about forty, with a fund of six thousand dollars.

Mount Ararat, No 144, located at Greenpoint, has been in existence about twenty years. I have known its history for about fifteen years. She seemed to get along well until a family rupture occurred, and the final result was a withdrawal of about thirty members, who signed a petition to organize a new Lodge. The membership was, therefore, reduced to about fifty. Since the withdrawal of these thirty the Lodge has grown to some extent, but among those who withdrew were the principal workers of the Lodge. The regular attendance does not exceed ten or twelve members. I think, however, that Mount Ararat will grow to at least her lost number. Their fund is about fifteen hundred dollars.

A new Lodge, Olive Leaf No. 233, as I was afterward informed, was instituted at Greenpoint on the evening of April 14th, by the M. W. Grand Master. The application for this Lodge was delivered by me, approved by the Grand Committee, to some of the petitioners about April 1st, from which time I heard nothing of when the petitioners intended to be instituted. April 11th I received a note inviting me to be present at the organization of this new Lodge on the evening of the 14th inst. I thought this a queer proceeding, that the Grand Master should consent to perform my work, after assuring me that he would not interfere or institute the Lodge unless he heard from me. The note to me seemed to indicate that arrangements had been made to have the work of instituting and installing performed without my assistance, which I think the sequel proved. I did not attend. The following evening I learned that this Lodge was instituted by the Grand Master, and the officers installed. I heard neither from the Grand Master nor any one else, except by rumor, about this Lodge's organization, until I received from them a return of the election of Grand Officers which came to hand June 9th, about two months after the organization. I soon paid them an unofficial visit, and found them in session and at work. They having made their return of election of Grand Officers to me, I concluded the Lodge was in District No. 2. I therefore, on the evening of July 14th, paid them an official visit, and found them in good order, with a very good attendance of members—I should say over forty. They received me kindly and with honors, and gave me what information I desired. I learned that this Lodge was organized with twenty-seven Charter members, April 14th, since which time they have initiated thirty-eight, and admitted two by Card; total in membership sixty-seven. They are doing well, and I bid them God-speed in the name of Friendship, Love and Truth. The average attendance is about thirty-five.

Fraternally yours,

C. W. RUDYARD, D. D. G. M.

#### MONROE.

ROCHESTER, August 6, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, M. W. Grand Master:

The progress of the Order in this district, as will be seen from the report forwarded to the Grand Secretary, in point of numbers is over that of the previous year. There have been quite large accessions by way of initiations, but on the other hand there has been a great falling off by way of suspensions. What is the cause of so many suspensions? In my humble opinion, a great deal is owing to the fact of some Lodges being so very anxious to increase their numbers instead of the *quality* of their members—so much so that a strife has existed as to who should have the greatest number of names on the books of the Lodge. Notwithstanding this the district is in a generally prosperous condition, financially and morally, and, for its numbers, will compare, I think, with any other district in the State on that score.

Genesee Lodge, the mother of all the Lodges in this district, plods along in her usual matronly manner and with her usual dignity. She is a very large and strong Lodge and well officered.

Rochester City Lodge has added much to her strength of late, and bids very fair to become a large Lodge. She has of late initiated into her ranks some very good material, and if the accession will enter into the true spirit of the Order, this Lodge will very soon rank high in the district, in more ways than one.

Humboldt Lodge is also in a good condition, financially as well as in numbers, and at times enjoys herself greatly in a social manner.

Teoronto Lodge is the largest in the district in point of numbers, but I am sorry to say she has not been the most orderly in the district during the term now expiring.

Brockport Lodge seems to show a good record, not by any increase of members over last year, but by a little purification, as some of the members observed to me.

Parma Lodge gets along also in a fair and prosperous way, and may justly feel proud as a young Lodge.

The Rebekah Lodge in Brockport, as reported some time ago, commenced under very favorable circumstances, with acknowledged authority and a good set of officers.

And last, but not least, the Rebekah Lodge of this city, under that old veteran in the Order, P. G. Roberts, as N. G., has a large membership and is very prosperous, and has established as a fixed fact annual excursions to some place or other for the purpose of social intercourse.

I have also to report that I accompanied D. G. M. Daniel Wood to Canandaigua for the purpose of instituting a Lodge there, and also, last week, to Palmyra, for the same purpose.

In conclusion, let me say that I hope that my report meets with approval as well as my acts. I thank you for the uniform courtesy you have shown me, and hope that our friendly relations will continue for many years.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

WILLIAM MORLEY, D. D. G. M.

#### NEW YORK—FIRST DISTRICT.

NEW YORK, July 15, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and in obedience to the duties of my office as D. D. G. M. of District No. 1, New York City, I herein transmit to you my annual report, for the year ending March 31, 1870, of the work and condition of the Lodges of this district. I am happy to report an increase of twenty-two in membership during the last twelve months.

I hereby submit a brief account of the Lodges in my district in numerical order.

Columbia, No. 1. This Lodge has some of the best working members in my district, and those young members who have been initiated, if one can judge from appearances, are intelligent and a credit to the Order. Total number of members reported March, 1870, 82, being an increase of ten. The work of this Lodge is fully up to the standard of Odd Fellowship. Average attendance good.

Gettys', No. 11. This is the oldest Lodge in this district, and its members, of whom some are the oldest in the State, are as zealous to-day in the work as in their younger days. Total membership reported March, 1870, 90, being an increase the past year of five. This Lodge appears to be doing well, as seen by the report. The attendance averages about fifteen.

Ark Lodge, No. 28. To this Lodge I have the honor of being a member. I am happy to report that we are still at work initiating, but the number suspended each term overbalances the number that we initiate. Number reported March, 1870, 114, being an increase of four members the past year. Attendance about 25, among whom are some who have been members of the Order 25 and 30 years, and as fresh to-day in the work as in their younger days. I will say the work of this Lodge is fully up to the standard.

National, No. 30. I have visited this Lodge on several occasions, and find the members at work in peace and harmony to promote the interest and prosperity of the Order. The attendance is not very large, but is of the right stamp for Odd Fel-

lowship. Members reported March, 1870, 74, being a decrease of nine members during the year. The work is all that can be expected of a Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 33. This Lodge I find also has a decrease of members, but is composed of good working members of the Order, who are earnestly engaged in promoting its interest and welfare. Attendance from 25 to 30; the work of the Lodge good. Total number reported March, 1870, 97, a decrease of two members.

Concorde, No. 43. This Lodge works in the French language, and is zealous in the work of promoting the interest of the Order. I have visited this Lodge very often, and the information that I obtained was that the Lodge is working harmoniously. Number reported March, 1870, 130, being an increase of 13. I have no doubt a brother who understands the French language could spend a very pleasant and agreeable evening by visiting this Lodge. They are all alive; the attendance about thirty.

Hancock, No. 49, I regret to report, has also decreased in membership. The work in this Lodge is fully up to the mark, and its membership is composed of some of the best in the district. Number reported March, 1870, 124, a decrease of thirteen. The attendance is fair.

Empire, No. 64. This is one of the best working Lodges in the district, and is well entitled to the name of Empire. Number reported, 1870, 100, the same as in 1869. Attendance about thirty.

Beacon, No. 67. This is the smallest in numbers of any Lodge in this district, having a membership of only 27. Initiated last year three; suspended four—a decrease of one. During the last twelve months their attendance has been small. Peace and harmony exist.

Pilgrim, No. 74, is the largest in numbers of any Lodge in this district. Number of members reported March, 1870, 151, being an increase of seven. Attendance is about forty. The true principles of Odd Fellowship exist in this Lodge, and its work is good.

Ocean Lodge, No. 110. This, I can say, is a live Lodge, and fully up to the standard. Number reported, 1869, 58; initiated, 51; withdrawn by Card, 36; suspended, 7; died, 1—being an increase of seven during the year. Attendance about twenty.

Diamond, No. 140. This Lodge is a good working one and up to its duties in Odd Fellowship. Number of members reported 46, being an increase of two. The work of this Lodge is all that is required of the Order.

The number of members in the district at the close of March, 1870, was 1,100—a gain of 22 for the year. Lodge receipts for the year, \$11,912; paid for relief, \$5,667; incidental expenses, \$5,243.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. DOSSAY, D. D. G. M.

#### NEW YORK—SECOND DISTRICT.

NEW YORK, June 1, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In compliance with your circular of March 16th, I respectfully submit my report as D. D. G. M. of District No. 2 of the City of New York.

There are in this district eight Subordinate Lodges and one Degree Lodge, all in good working order. I have visited every Lodge in the district as often as time would permit, and have always been received with the greatest of kindness by all. I have also found them pretty uniform in their work.

I have granted one dispensation, to Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, to confer the five subordinate degrees in less time than otherwise permitted by law.

No questions of law have been submitted to the Deputy, and no appeals from the decisions of Lodges have been received, which shows that the Lodges in this district are moving along in peace and harmony.

The condition of the Order in this district is very favorable. Every Lodge has done some work, and were it not for the suspensions I should be able to report a considerable increase of members; but we have gained some, and have good prospects ahead.

Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 22, one of the oldest Lodges in the district, has a

small membership, but they are of the right stamp and are willing to do their share in promoting the interest of Odd Fellowship. They have done some work the last year and feel confident in the future. Average attendance fair; membership, thirty.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 31, another old Lodge, has a good membership, but has not done much work, consequently lost somewhat in members. Average attendance good; membership, one hundred.

Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, is a good, substantial Lodge, and has some excellent members. It is moving along slowly but surely. Average attendance fair; membership, seventy-seven.

Sincérité Lodge, No. 69, working in the French language, has done nobly the last year. Go there when you will, you will always find them endeavoring to promote the welfare of the Lodge and the Order in general. Membership, 105; average attendance about thirty.

Crystal Lodge, No. 107, is a good working Lodge, and its members are fully alive to the principles of Odd Fellowship, but I regret to say it has lost in membership the last year. Membership, 70; average attendance, thirty.

Polar Star Lodge, No. 119, is one of the finest Lodges in the district, does its work well, and has a good attendance. It numbers 117 members.

City Lodge, No. 151, is also a good Lodge, but has not gained much in the way of membership the last year. It is beginning to move in the good work, and I presume the next report will give a good account. This Lodge celebrated the 25th anniversary of its institution, April 18th. They had a very pleasant time of it. The families of the members participated in the festivities of the evening, and all seemed highly pleased that the Lodge had lived so many years and been so successful. Membership, 83; average attendance good.

Hermitage Lodge, No. 165, is advancing rapidly, and is now the largest Lodge in the district. Its members are very attentive to the interest of the Lodge, and they intend it to be one of the largest in the State. Average attendance, forty; membership, 120.

New York Degree Lodge, No. 1, has removed to No. 812 Broadway, and meets on Saturday evenings as usual. It is in good condition and its officers are doing their work excellently. It has done a great quantity of work the last year, and the prospect is that they will have an abundance of work this term.

There has no Lodge been instituted or ceased working during the year in this district. There has been one public installation in this district, in Crystal Lodge, on the evening of Oct. 7th.

The aggregate report for the year is as follows: Present number of members, 702; initiated, 79; rejected, 1; admitted by Card, 4; withdrawn, 13; reinstated, 15; suspended, 72; deceased, 6; increase, 9. Receipts, \$10,403.95.

WILLIAM ASHTON, D. D. G. M.

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#### NEW YORK—THIRD DISTRICT.

NEW YORK, July 28, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In compliance with your request I respectfully submit the following brief report of the condition of the Lodges of District No. 3. The district is composed of thirteen good working Lodges.

The average attendance of Lodges numbering over 100 members is from 30 to 40; of those less than 100, from 20 to 30. I have made frequent visits to the Lodges under my supervision, with the exception of a few whose nights of meeting were such as to interfere with my private affairs; but still I have managed to pay such Lodges occasional visits. The district, as you perceive, is a large one, and in consequence thereof a great deal of labor devolves on the D. D. G. M. To overcome this difficulty and make the labors less, I would respectfully recommend the resuscitation of District No. 5, and the transfer of a few Lodges to it from District No. 3.

Entertainments were given by the following Lodges: Balls by New York, Enterprise, State Rights, Mutual, Worth, Olympic and Emanuel. Reunion by the members of Eckford Lodge, No. 72, upon which occasion an oration was delivered by P. G. Henry C. Rover, of the same Lodge, after which the members and guests enjoyed themselves by dancing.

The Degree of Rebekah was conferred in the following Lodges: New York, Mariners' (twice during the winter), State Rights, Continental, Olympic and Emanuel.

I had the pleasure of dedicating a new room for the use of Worth Lodge, No. 146. Howard Lodge, No. 60, also dedicated a new room for their use. There is no Degree Lodge in this district, but an unsuccessful attempt was made to institute one. I trust, however, that the spirit may again be revived, and that my successor will have the pleasure of reporting a good Degree Lodge in this district.

In closing this brief report, allow me to extend, through you, to our worthy Grand Secretary my thanks for the many favors and for the faithful manner that he has supplied my different wants during my term of office.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN F. SASS, D. D. G. M.

#### NEW YORK—FOURTH DISTRICT.

NEW YORK, July 12, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In compliance with instructions, I hereby beg leave to submit the following annual report of the condition of the Order in the Fourth District of the City of New York.

On assuming the duties of D. D. G. M. of the Fourth District, last August, I found fifteen Working Lodges, one Degree Lodge, and the Central Relief Verein under my supervision, all in a prosperous state and doing well. I have now the pleasure to report that this district has since progressed at a rate unparalleled in the history of any district in the entire jurisdiction. Through the exertions of zealous brethren, there have been this year five new Lodges instituted, which are now working under Dispensations, with zeal and love to the Order, and also two Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, increasing thereby the membership in the district 782 brethren, making in all now twenty Working Lodges, numbering 2,357 members, one Degree Lodge, two Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, and the Central Verein, comprising the Fourth District. For the relief of sick and distressed brethren, as well as to the widows and orphans and for burying the dead, they expended the gross sum of \$5,019, a sum in every respect creditable to them, and which shows sufficiently that the members are in spirit and in truth imbued with the true principles of Odd Fellowship. The attendance at the Lodges is generally good, although not always in comparison to their large membership. They are all working in peace and in brotherly love to each other. No complaints or charges worthy of notice to embody in this report have been made. All my counsels and decisions have been readily and willingly complied with, and, in fact, all are striving who best can act and best agree.

The United Brothers Degree Lodge, No. 5, has never been in such a good and prosperous condition as at present; it has over 1,200 regular contributing members, and often at their meetings scarcely sitting room can be found. Very seldom are less than from twelve to twenty applicants present to receive their degrees, and several times there have been as many as forty brethren at a time on whom the degrees were conferred. Their emblems, working tools and properties are all in the best order, and in keeping with her prosperity, and they are presided over by active and experienced officers, giving the degrees strictly to the prescribed law, attractively, eloquently, and with the best effect.

Of Deborah Degree Lodge, No. 13, and Concordia Degree Lodge, No. 14, both of the Daughters of Rebekah, only a short time in existence, I can only report that they are progressing gradually in their good work.

The Central Relief Verein, established in the district somewhat over two years ago, in order, by the combined efforts of members from various Lodges, to collect a sufficient sum to give to the widow and orphans at the demise of a brother, whereby they would be enabled to gain a livelihood, begins to arouse the attention of the brethren of this district more and more in its favor. The Verein has in every instance, so far, punctually fulfilled its obligations, and dried the tears of many bereaved ones, and procured joy and comfort in many sad hearts, and at every meeting is adding more members to this truly benevolent object. In this connection permit me to say that, in the opinion of a very large number of members of our Order, the

subject of mutual relief has not yet been sufficiently developed and discussed, nor that proper attention paid to it by our high-standing and talented brethren, to make it more beneficial to the members than it has been hitherto. A fuller practical development of this principle would gain for Odd Fellowship a loftier and more popular character in the community at large.

Schiller Lodge, No. 129, publicly celebrated their 25th anniversary on the 18th of October, 1869. The rooms wherein they held their celebration were well filled with brethren of the sister Lodges of this district, together with their families and friends. The Grand Officers also honored them with their presence.

With the assistance of several active and zealous Past Grands, I have instituted in person five Working Lodges and two Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, and have visited nearly all the Lodges in this district officially. Although the labor was arduous and often attended with great sacrifice of time, yet I feel myself amply rewarded by the many courteous and kind attentions I have received from the brethren and Lodges everywhere.

I would here suggest the propriety of dividing this district. Twenty Working Lodges, besides three Degree Lodges—and, to all appearances, more Lodges springing up yet which will naturally have to be added to this district on account of their working in the German language—are, in my opinion, too many for one D. D. G. M. to attend, if it is expected that he shall do his duty with justice to himself and to the Lodges under his care.

The translation of the Proceedings of the last Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge into German has been everywhere hailed with joy and satisfaction by our German brethren, and I heard it often expressed by them that they in a great measure regarded this to be the main cause of the great increase of members and Lodges in the district, as well as of its harmonious working and attachment to the Order.

Before closing this report I feel it to be obligatory on me to express to the many Past Grands who have so nobly assisted me in my various duties, my sincere thanks. Especially do I feel indebted to our indefatigable and highly respected P. G. P., Gustav Leweck, who was always ready to give me a helping hand, and from whom I have often received the benefit of his experience in the Order, by which many misunderstandings have been amicably and satisfactorily settled. I also return my heartfelt thanks to our R. W. Grand Secretary, C. V. Clark, for the obliging manner and information I so readily have received from him.

Praying to the Father of the Universe that he may keep and preserve our Order in harmony and brotherly love, and with the best wishes for your own personal welfare, I respectfully submit this my report in the true spirit of the bonds of our beloved Order.

Fraternally yours,

FREDERICK GERMANN, D. D. G. M.

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#### NEW YORK—SIXTH DISTRICT.

NEW YORK, June 25, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In accordance with the law and usage of the Order, and in compliance with your request contained in circular of March 16, 1870, I send you a statement of the condition and work done in the Lodges comprising District No. 6, City of New York. There are nine Lodges in the district: Tompkins, No. 9, Covenant, No. 35, Greenwich, No. 40, Warren, No. 84, Mechanics', No. 113, Amaranthus, No. 126, Eureka, No. 177, Alleghania, No. 183, and Harlem, No. 201. The condition of the Lodges financially is good, work creditably performed, and attendance fair, averaging about one-third of the membership of the Lodges.

The number of initiations, from semi-annual returns of Sept. 30, 1869, to March 31, 1870, were 74; admissions by Card, 8; reinstatements, 5—making in all 87 admissions. The suspensions, expulsions and deaths for the same time were 35, leaving a net increase of 52 members for the term.

The officers of Alleghania Lodge, No. 183, and of Mechanics', No. 113, were publicly installed at the term commencing Oct., 1869; and at the term commencing

April, 1870, the officers of Mechanics', No. 113, were again publicly installed, and also the officers of Harlem Lodge, No. 201. On all these occasions the rooms in which the ceremonies were performed were filled to overflowing with the friends and members of the Order, who separated apparently well pleased and favorably impressed with the ceremonies.

No questions of law have been submitted to me for decisions during the past year. The harmony and good feeling which have characterized the district during my long term of office still exist, and I trust will long continue. The public and private duties of life enjoined by Odd Fellowship are properly performed; the sick, the distressed, the widow and orphan are not neglected, and the stranger is not sent empty away.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN GAMBLE, D. D. G. M.

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ONEIDA AND HERKIMER.

UTICA, July 19, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In presenting the annual report of my office, I regret that a more favorable condition of the Order cannot be shown. While in some of the Lodges a good degree of interest is manifest, yet in most, and especially in the older Lodges, the interest is confined mainly to the old members, in whose bosoms the fires of Odd Fellowship burn as bright as ever; but the younger members do not seem to have that interest which usually characterizes initiates.

While we have not lost ground, the gain is so small as to give but small encouragement for the future; yet there is a determination manifest not to give up the good ship, but with a will to correct some errors of the past and endeavor to infuse new zeal into a few of the Lodges. Who knows but that a good degree of prosperity is in store for this district? Who knows but that an opportunity may be offered them to dispense their ample funds, which have been perhaps too carefully husbanded? In this district, once the largest in the State, possessing a large and prosperous manufacturing population, it is surprising that more interest is not manifested.

During this term I had the pleasure to institute Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 6, and Germania Lodge, No. 18, Degree of Rebekah, the last named working in the German language. Both of these Lodges are in a very prosperous condition and are doing much good.

Utica Degree Lodge, No. 18, is a body without vitality. It has been a question whether a surrender of its Charter would not relieve the few who now attend its meetings from a very uncomfortable responsibility. So little is doing in the Lodges, it is questionable whether conferring the degrees in them will not add interest and information to the meetings.

The attendance in Allemania Lodge, No. 184 (German), is always large and enthusiastic. The membership of this Lodge (the youngest in the district) is increasing more rapidly than any other in the city. The attendance in Schuyler, No. 147, and Skenandoah, No. 95, is also fair; Central City, No. 68, is poorly attended. Oneida Lodge, No. 70, which is the oldest Lodge in central New York, is also very poorly attended. Pecuniarily, all of the Lodges are in good condition, some of them having large funds.

Harmony and good feeling prevail, and with united effort and a little more care in selecting the material for Lodges, the star of Odd Fellowship will again shine brightly in this district. The use of charge books in the Lodges has in a great measure been dispensed with, and I trust the day is not far distant when they will be altogether banished from the Lodges. No question of law has arisen during the year which called for any decision.

The membership in this district is 459; initiations, 80; admitted by Card, 6; suspended, 44; reinstated, 10; withdrawn, 8; died, 4. I have personally installed the officers of the various Lodges for the past year and find their work correct. I also would respectfully suggest the propriety of the Grand Lodge furnishing the D. D. G. M. with a blank book in which to keep a record of the work in the district.

Trusting you will excuse my shortcomings and my neglect for not reporting sooner, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

SAM. H. HANAUER, D. D. G. M.

## ONONDAGA.

SYRACUSE, July 15, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, M. W. Grand Master:

This district is composed of ten Lodges, with a total membership of 978, being an increase of 107 in the year ending March 31, 1870. During the year there have been initiated, 137; admitted by Card. 23; withdrawn, 13; reinstated, 32; suspended, 55; expelled, 2; died, 8. Amount of Lodge receipts, \$6,104 40.

The average attendance is about 25 per cent., though in the country Lodges it is somewhat greater; all are in good working condition.

Mohegan Lodge, No. 29, located at Baldwinsville, has 86 members, an increase of two. I am sorry to say there has been some trouble with the N. G. for the term ending March 31st, which is not yet settled, it being in the hands of District Grand Committee.

Alphadelphia Lodge, No. 44, located in Syracuse, has a membership of 109, five more than reported a year ago. It is in good working order, and all is harmony. Average attendance about thirty.

Onondaga Lodge, No. 79, is also in the city and in good condition, having gained four. It now has 118 members; the attendance not as large as it should be.

Salina Lodge, No. 97, located in the first ward, has 55 members, a decrease of ten (the only Lodge in the district that has not increased more or less). They are now waking up, and we hope to hear a good report next year.

Syracuse Lodge, No. 109, another of the city Lodges, has 118 members, an increase of eleven. This Lodge has been enlivened during the past winter by the reading of original essays by different members of the Order; consequently there was a large attendance.

Oundiaga Lodge, No. 136, is located at Onondaga Valley. This Lodge, after laying dormant for a number of years with only 15 members, commenced work again about one year ago. They now report 38; average attendance about 25. Good enough.

Uncas Lodge, No. 161, located at Lafayette, is one of the best in the district. It has gained 26, and now numbers 59 members, with an average attendance of about forty.

Lessing (German) Lodge, No. 163, has 79 members, a gain of only one. They hope to do better this year; has a good attendance, and good feeling prevails.

Lincoln Lodge, No. 180, another German Lodge, and much the largest in the district, has 274 members, an increase of three. The Lodge is in good condition and has a fair attendance.

Jordan Lodge, No. 215, is located at Jordan. It was reinstated on the 20th June, 1869, starting with 20 members, and now has 42. Attendance from 25 to 30, and without doubt the best working Lodge in the district.

The only public demonstration had during the year was in March last, occasioned by an official visit from yourself, the M. W. Grand Master, and several other Grand Officers, among whom were R. W. Grand Secretary C. V. Clark, Grand Representative James Terwilliger, and D. D. G. M. Wm. Morley, of the District of Monroe. Although happening at a time when traveling was very much impeded by snow, there was a very good representation from most of the Lodges in the district. The instruction given was very well received, and, it is hoped, attended with good results, thereby producing a general uniformity in the work of the Order.

We have now just 200 Past Grands in this district, among whom are many old veterans in the Order, retaining their membership from the first introduction of Odd Fellowship into old Onondaga.

The conferring of degrees, numbering 530, has been done in each of the respective Lodges, and, as far as possible, has been intrusted to those fully competent to discharge that duty. As a general thing the officers have dispensed with the use of the charge books, from which great benefit is derived.

Hoping you will excuse me for the delay in sending my report, and trusting it will meet with your approbation, I remain,

Yours in F., L. and T.,

B. F. BLYE, D. D. G. M.

## OSWEGO.

OSWEGO, May 17, 1870.

**NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, M. W. Grand Master:**

I herewith transmit my annual report. There has been no increase in the number of Lodges in this district during the past year. We have as yet only three, but they are firm and untiring in their devotion to the principles and interest of Odd Fellowship.

Oswegatchie Lodge, No. 156, ever faithful and true, occupies a position in the front rank among the Working Lodges of this State, steadily gathering numerical strength, and demonstrating the great principles that underlie our cherished institution by a practical exemplification of its usefulness in the "relief of distress and the elevation of human character." A noble band of true men constitute its membership.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 77, of Phoenix, although not quite as strong numerically considered, yet equally to be recognized as among the first Lodges of the Empire State. Firm, reliable, intelligent and worthy men make up the list of members of Golden Rule.

Central Square Lodge, No. 149, located at Central Square, has the smallest membership, but a more unflinching, determined and honorable band of brothers can hardly be found in the great State of New York. Notwithstanding the burning of their Lodge room and the loss of regalia and fixtures during the summer of 1869, still their zeal and devotion is unchanged. Indeed I think they are stronger and more earnest and zealous than before. I am fully satisfied that a far better future awaits them.

I have visited each of the Lodges in this district twice during the year, and installed the officers in person. On every occasion I have been received and treated with most profound respect, and welcomed with a degree of warmth and cordiality that I can never forget. And in view of the courtesy and kindness extended to me, not only as an officer in the discharge of official duty, but as a brother and a friend, I thank God that it has been my good fortune to secure membership in an institution so full of pleasing and practical results. I am confirmed in the opinion that the Lodges in this part of the jurisdiction are working on a more substantial basis than ever before, and that a glorious future awaits our Order everywhere, beckoning us onward and upward to higher aims and nobler purposes.

The internal resources of Oswego County are being rapidly developed by constantly increasing railroad facilities, and I can but confidently hope that our Order will keep pace with the march of improvement, and that the time is not far distant when old Lodges will be revived and new ones established in various localities in the district.

Fraternally,

J. R. PIERCE, D. D. G. M.

## QUEENS.

FLUSHING, June 13, 1870.

**NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, M. W. Grand Master:**

In presenting my annual report for the District of Queens, I beg to congratulate you upon the increased prosperity and the excellent condition of the Order in this jurisdiction. The past year has been one of steady and marked increase both in members and resources, and I am happy to say that all the Lodges placed under my charge exhibit a zeal and activity which speak well for the future.

This district is composed of four Lodges, namely, Pacific Lodge, No. 85, at Flushing, which is the oldest in the district. I am happy to say it is fully up to the standard of Odd Fellowship, and has increased eighteen during the last year. This speaks for itself in regard to Pacific Lodge, and any eulogy from me would be entirely superfluous. Its meetings are well attended and the deepest interested manifested. The Lodge is now in the hands of young and energetic members, many of them sons of the old Past Grands, of whom I expect much another year. The Grand Officers visited this Lodge on the 21st of February and cheered on the brethren with their counsel and advice, and I can assure you it was an event that will be long remembered by the members of Pacific, Astoria and Hempstead Lodges who were present on that occasion.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 73. meets at Glen Cove. She is indeed a live Lodge. It is composed of noble material, a body of good men fully alive to the interest and demands of Odd Fellowship. Two years ago this Lodge could seldom get a quorum to transact business; now it has seventy good and true members, having increased seventeen the last year. With an average attendance of thirty, their business is carried on promptly and the work is good. They have evidently placed their standard high and resolved to attain it.

Astoria Lodge, No. 155, reports an increase. She is sound and prosperous, one of the most energetic Lodges in the district, and is not content to remain idle. They have an average attendance of twenty-five.

Hempstead Lodge, No. 141. meeting at Hempstead, report's no increase. Although it has some live members on its roll, yet there appears to be a lukewarmness, which, of course, renders the work of the Lodge not quite what it should be.

I cannot conclude this report without a suggestion upon the subject of the arduous duties of the D. D. G. M. True, there are but four Lodges in this district, but to visit each one officially or to install, your Deputy has to travel eighty-three miles, with no direct railroad communication with any of them. So you can see the disadvantages that the Lodges in this district are under, as I think they should really be visited much oftener than it is possible for me to do. There has been no Lodge instituted, reinstated or ceased to work in Queens District.

Yours truly and fraternally,

GEORGE POPLE, D. D. G. M.

#### RENSSELAER.

GREENBUSH, July 5, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In accordance with my duty I herewith transmit to you the annual report of the District of Rensselaer. There are four Lodges in this district, all of which are in a healthy condition, the average attendance being about forty. The brethren of the various Lodges take great interest in the welfare of the Order, and endeavor to carry out its precepts to the letter. The gains for the past year are not very great, but there is an earnestness about the brethren that argues well for the future.

We have one Degree Lodge in this district; the interest taken in it is not what it should be. No Lodges have been instituted or reinstated, although I have strong hopes of being able soon to report an addition of one to our number.

A very pleasant as well as profitable evening was spent by the brethren of this district on the 16th of March last, occasioned by the visit to this district of our M. W. Grand Master, N. L. Pettit, accompanied by our R. W. Grand Secretary, C. V. Clark, for the purpose of instruction. The information obtained by many of the members on that occasion was exceedingly valuable. Were such visits more frequent the brethren, in my opinion, would be much more proficient.

The Funeral Aid Association of this district is growing steadily, although not as fast as it should in a district with so large a membership as we have. It now numbers about 150 members.

I have personally installed all the Lodges in my district during the past year, and am happy in being able to bear testimony to the courteous and fraternal relations existing between the members of the different Lodges.

Fraternally yours,

S. SAVAGE, D. D. G. M.

#### ROCKLAND.

PIERMONT, June 20, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In compliance with your circular of March 16, 1870, I forward you my annual report as D. D. G. M. of Rockland District. We have three Lodges in this district in good working order, and, under the circumstances in which our country members are placed, with as good an attendance as could be expected.

Piermont Lodge, No. 83, numbers some 75 members, with an average attendance of twenty, and has initiated within the last two months ten of our best citizens.

We had a public installation and a very pleasant entertainment—a good social time of it—which had a tendency to wake up some of our young men, as they have since become one with us—young men well calculated soon to take the place of those grown gray in the good work of ministering to the necessities of the humble and the lowly.

Oneka Lodge, No. 122, located at Nyack, has a membership at last report of 108, and is a Lodge which is fully up to the standard of Odd Fellowship. They, too, had a public installation, and also a presentation of a splendid silver pitcher and goblet to Bro. D. F. Eckerson, who has rendered them good service as Permanent Secretary for many years. After the installation and presentation we had a splendid entertainment at the St. Nicholas Hotel, which was kept up till 4:30 A. M. The meeting was largely attended and had a good effect, and will, I doubt not, redound to the good of the Order.

Amity Lodge, No. 192, located at Spring Valley, in the western part of the county, is doing well. The meetings are well attended, and brotherly love prevails. I take pride in saying that, although she is not the best in the district, she is doing her work well and shows a good record.

On the 27th of January, 1870, I presented, by your authority, a Charter to Ruth Lodge, No. 4, of the Daughters of Rebekah, located in the beautiful village of Nyack. The Lodge is now in a most flourishing condition. At the end of their first term they numbered 50 members in good standing, of whom 22 are Charter members. They are out of debt, and have a surplus in the treasury. After instituting the Lodge we had a splendid entertainment.

I have personally installed all the Lodges. There has been no Lodge reinstated in this district, nor has any ceased to work. We have no Degree Lodge—each Lodge conferring its own degrees. No questions of any importance have been submitted to me this term, and nothing has transpired to create any unfriendly feeling among the members. The several Lodges make frequent visitations on each other, which have the effect of creating harmony and good feeling among the brethren.

In conclusion, allow me to say that I consider the Lodges in this county an ornament to the Order. I sometimes wish that the practical doctrines and precepts of Odd Fellowship could be brought before the people, and their beautiful adaptedness to all the affairs and conditions of men be shown. A most favorable result might be expected. We should see right respected, industry encouraged, prosperity and happiness prevailing in all parts of our beloved country. Would it not be a triumphant refutation of the accusation that we are a dangerous society on account of our secret work, and that there is no good in our composition? I cannot but believe that the young men of the day would receive their highest attainments by being taught in the school of Odd Fellowship, for it indicates a steady, regular flow of the kindest feelings and the friendliest interchange of the social affections. We are, however, not an end, only a means, and for all our good works deserve to be praised, while for our errors we ask forgiveness.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN J. LAWRENCE, D. D. G. M.

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ST. LAWRENCE.

OGDENSBURG, July 6, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

Agreeably with my duty as your official agent for the District of St. Lawrence, I would most respectfully submit my annual report of the condition of the Order under my care. There is but one Lodge in this district, namely, Ogdensburg Lodge, No. 98, which I am happy to report as being in a very prosperous condition. Although the actual increase in membership within the past year has not been large, yet the interest and zeal manifested by both officers and members have been increasing. The result has shown itself in a very much larger attendance upon Lodge meetings than usual, and the work has been well performed. The officers have mostly dispensed with the use of books in the Lodge in all its work.

March 31st, the date of the last Lodge report, the Lodge numbered 113 members, showing an increase of seven over last year's report. There have been 18 initiations during the year and eight have been suspended. Three have withdrawn for the purpose of joining the Order in other places.

The 26th of April was observed by the Lodge, and as many friends of the Order as could be were accommodated in our hall, who had the pleasure of listening to two short addresses by Rev. Dr. Boardman, of the Presbyterian, and Rev. L. L. Ward, of the Baptist Church, accompanied with very fine music under the direction of Prof. Newell, who, by the way, is a host in that line.

The members of the Lodge organized an Odd Fellows' Funeral Aid Association about six months ago, which has a very good membership.

There has no question of law arisen in the Lodge during the year calling for any decision, but harmony and brotherly love have prevailed in all our Lodge meetings.

Fraternally yours, — ELIJAH WHITE, D. D. G. M.

## SUFFOLK.

PATCHOGUE, May 28, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In obedience to law and your instructions I herewith transmit my semi-annual report, together with the return of the several Lodges in my district, except the annual returns from Sampawans Lodge, No. 104, which I have not yet received, although I have written to said Lodge twice concerning them, which circumstance has delayed this report to you.

I installed in person the officers of Brookhaven Lodge, No. 80, on the 9th of April, 1870; also Greenport Lodge, No. 179, on the 11th of April, assisted by the P. G.'s of the respective Lodges. The officers of Suffolk Lodge, No. 90, were installed April 11th, by Special Deputy P. R. Jennings, of said Lodge; and Sampawans on the 15th of April, by P. G. John R. Reid, acting as Special Deputy.

The Lodges in my district are in a healthy working condition, although their numbers are not increasing. The District Grand Committee did not meet on the third Wednesday in March, the time contemplated by law, owing to the fearful storm that prevailed on that day and the distance the several Lodges are located from the county seat; consequently no nominations have been made, either for Grand Officers or for District Deputy for this district.

I regret that my report should have been so long delayed, but hope, though late, that it may be found acceptable.

Fraternally yours, — W. S. PRESTON, D. D. G. M.

## TOMPKINS.

ITHACA, June 16, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In compliance with the instructions contained in your circular of March 16th, I have the honor to say that there are two Working Lodges in this district, namely, Tuckahannock, No. 20, and Ithaca, No. 71—the former located at Trumansburg, and the latter at Ithaca. These Lodges are in sound, active and harmonious condition, faithfully observing the laws and heartily practicing the principles of our cherished Order. The average attendance of No. 20 is about twenty-five, and of No. 71 about forty.

No Lodge has been instituted or reinstated in this district during the past year, nor has any Lodge ceased to work during that time. We have no Degree Lodge in the district, the several Lodges conferring the degrees, often under the supervision of the District Deputy, thus carefully securing uniformity in this branch of work.

There has been no anniversary or other public meeting held in the name of the Order for the past year. It is a custom, however, of our Lodges to have one or more union social gatherings during the year, in which the members and their families very generally take part. These exceedingly pleasant reunions have for several years past taken the form of an excursion over the waters of our beautiful Cayuga and a picnic. They have been promotive of the most fraternal feelings and interest in the Order in this vicinity, and I trust the time is far distant when they may fall into disuse.

The Degree of Rebekah has been conferred upon a considerable number of the wives of worthy members, and much interest is taken in that direction, which will doubtless culminate in the formation of a Rebekah Lodge in this place.

## APPENDIX.

In closing this brief report, I need only say that the Lodges in this district are progressing in the work of Odd Fellowship as an earnest life-business, knowing and feeling its power for good to the individual members, and, as its borders enlarge, doing good to all coming within its influence.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

T. P. ST. JOHN, D. D. G. M.

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## WASHINGTON.

WHITEHALL, July 1, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

According to your request I send you the condition of the Lodges in Washington District.

There are three Lodges in this district—Whitehall, No. 5; Salem, No. 45, and Arcturus, No. 55. The last two are in a prosperous condition, but Whitehall Lodge is not gaining, owing to local difficulties.

Permit me to refer you to the semi-annual reports of the Lodges for fuller particulars in regard to this work.

Fraternally yours,

O. C. BURROUGHS, D. D. G. M.

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## WESTCHESTER AND PUTNAM.

MOUNT VERNON, July 5, 1870.

NICHOLAS L. PETTIT, *M. W. Grand Master:*

In compliance with the laws of the Order I would most respectfully submit the following as my report of work done in the District of Westchester and Putnam for the past year.

When I received the appointment of D. D. G. M. there were nine Lodges in the district; since that time there have been two new Lodges instituted—Hebron Lodge, No. 229, at White Plains, Feb. 1, 1870; and Yonkers Lodge, No. 232, May 12, 1870.

All the Lodges in the district are doing well in the work of increasing their membership, as the report of the number initiated will show. The average attendance of the Lodges in the district is good. There have been initiated during the past year, 141; admitted by Card, 11; reinstated, 3; withdrawn by Card, 29; suspended, 26; expelled, 1; died, 7—leaving a net gain of 72. I would here state that the withdrawals by Card have been for the purpose of instituting new Lodges; and I believe all the Cards drawn for the past year have been deposited, with the exception of one.

There is no Degree Lodge in the district, the Lodges conferring the degrees on their own members. I have taken especial pains in selecting Past Grands to do the work when I could not attend myself. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the district. No cases of appeal have been presented to the Grand Committee for its action, and I trust that the same harmony and good feeling may prevail throughout the district for all coming time.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS R. JONES, D. D. G. M.

**G.****REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.**

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

Your Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States attended the session of that R. W. Grand Body held in the city of Baltimore, commencing Monday, Sept. 19th, and ending Saturday, Sept. 24th.

The session can be emphatically called a working session. More legislation for the good of the Order was done than has been accomplished at a single session for many years. The business of previous sessions left undone was taken up and disposed of, and all matters brought before the Grand Lodge were acted on.

Among the most important of all legislation considered was the following, to which we beg to call the particular attention of the various Lodges:

Bro. Nicholson, P. G. Sire, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report. The resolutions were subsequently adopted, and are now the law of the Order.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom were referred the various propositions relating to suspension for non-payment of dues and reinstatement, beg leave to report that, after a careful examination and a thorough review of the whole subject, they respectfully submit to the favorable consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge the following resolutions, to wit:

*Resolved.* That a member of the Order who becomes in arrears for dues for the period of one year may be suspended or dropped from membership, but he cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues.

*Resolved,* That a member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in the Lodge or Encampment from which he has been suspended or dropped, within one year after suspension, by paying the amount of one year's dues, and being reinstated in the manner prescribed by the local law.

*Resolved,* That after one year from the date of suspension, a member dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as prescribed by the By-laws.

*Resolved,* That a member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, and who makes application for reinstatement and for a Withdrawal Card, for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge or Encampment in the same jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a Final Card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues and the usual price of a Card.

*Resolved.* That a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension wishing to join a Lodge or Encampment in the same jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive and the Lodge or Encampment shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

*Resolved,* That a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction than that in which he was suspended or dropped, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment to which he belonged shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

*Resolved,* That in all cases wherein a Lodge or Encampment has refused to reinstate a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate upon receipt of one dollar.

*Resolved,* That where the books of an extinct Lodge or Encampment have been lost or destroyed, the Grand Secretary or the Grand Scribe, as the case may be,

upon being satisfied of the good standing of any member of such extinct Lodge or Encampment, may issue to him a Card of Withdrawal. Where the books of a defunct Lodge or Encampment are in the possession of a Grand Scribe or Grand Secretary, he may issue Cards to former members of the defunct subordinate, and such Cards shall have the same privilege as a Card issued by an existing subordinate.

*Resolved.* That dismissal certificates may be received upon deposit in any Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, but the privilege of visiting a Lodge or Encampment shall not be awarded to the holder of a dismissal certificate. The certificates shall be provided by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and be sold as other supplies are sold, and at the same rate as Cards.

Dismissal certificates shall be in the form following:

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

*To all whom it may concern, Fraternally Greeting:*

THIS CERTIFIES, that . . . . . was admitted to membership in . . . . . No. . . . at . . . . in the State of . . . . on the . . . day of . . . . 18 . . and by . . . . and that he retained his membership in said . . . until the . . . day of . . . 18 . when he was suspended for non-payment of dues, and he is entirely dismissed from membership in said . . . .

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the . . . . this . . . day of . . . A. D. 18 .

[SEAL.]

*Resolved,* That all laws or provisions thereof that are inconsistent with the above general laws, conditions and regulations are hereby abrogated or repealed.

The following decisions of the Grand Sire were confirmed:

1. Upon the inquiry of the Grand Patriarch of Georgia, I have advised that he has power to confer the Subordinate Encampment degrees upon a sufficient number of Scarlet members for the purpose of qualifying them as petitioners for an Encampment at a place where none exists. (*Journal*, 4364.)

2. It has been inquired, "When a brother renounces Odd Fellowship, whether his Lodge can regard it as a resignation from the Order; if not, to what extent does it affect his membership?" Answer in the negative, and that such so-called renunciation of the Order has no effect whatever upon his membership or standing in his Lodge.

3. Immemorial custom and usage has assigned particular places for all the officers of a Subordinate Lodge, which, in the absence of written law to the contrary, is binding, and that under this assignment the Warden's position is in front of the Right Supporter of the Noble Grand.

4. That no regalia is legitimate except that prescribed by law; chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts, and all military paraphernalia not so prescribed, are accordingly inadmissible.

5. Final Cards are granted only by vote of the Lodge, the vote to be had by ball ballot.

6. When charges are to be preferred against the Noble Grand of a Lodge they are properly placed in the hands of the Vice Grand, to be brought before the Lodge; but there is no reason why any brother may not prefer such charges.

7. The vote by which a Withdrawal Card was authorized cannot be reconsidered or rescinded.

8. Article XXIV. of the By-laws prescribes the regalia for the past officers of every description.

9. A Grand Master, when visiting *as such* in his own jurisdiction, should wear the regalia and jewels of his office.

10. The proper manner of voting in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah is by *yes* and *no*.

11. Upon inquiry from D. D. Grand Sire Ritter, of the jurisdiction of New Mexico, whether an article in the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, prescribing that the Lodge may ballot for degrees when open in the initiatory, was valid and

legal, I have replied in the negative—that such a law was palpably in violation of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States and of no validity. (*Journal*, 4070, 4187, 4200, 4202.)

The condition of the Order was perhaps never more prosperous than at present. In his very excellent report Grand Sire Farnsworth says:

Never was the development of our work more characteristic of its noble principles, or its fruits more practical and abundant. Peace, brotherly love and concord, which are of the very life of Odd Fellowship and inseparable from its well-being, prevail throughout our borders, and not a ripple disturbs the serene surface of our moral field. The divine spirit of fraternity, inspired by our cardinal idea of tolerance; the mutuality of human obligations and sympathies, elaborately embodied as generic truths in our code, and the happy illustration of these virtues in the details of practice, have justly commended the Order to all good men, and secured their zealous co-operation in its general diffusion. In addition to this excellence, which underlies our moral temple as its solid substratum, we have perfected a form of government and laws so admirably adapted to the harmonious working of the system and protective of the subordinates, that universal acquiescence in the law as expounded and administered has ever prevailed, and no instance of serious conflict between the large number of Lodges and their respective State jurisdictions, or between the State Grand Bodies and the Supreme Grand Body, has transpired during the half century of our existence. It is also our good fortune to have trained the great army enrolled under our banner so to love and venerate our Order, and so to appreciate its blessings, that intensity of affection for it grows with the growth and strengthens with the strength of the constituency, ever generating among them a spirit of emulation and rivalry "to weary not in well-doing." The natural and inevitable fruit of these combined elements has been great prosperity. This prosperity, however, from the necessity of things, although manifest to us, has not been so generally known or felt by the outside world. It is true that the public witness our continuous increase in numbers, the accumulation of our resources, our thorough occupation of cities, towns, villages and counties, and our acquisition of new fields of labor abroad: these, although pregnant evidences of our power for good, present but a superficial view of the effective value of the institution, either to its own household, upon which it immediately acts, or to the outside community where it exists. To look upon the mission of Odd Fellowship in its real character, to understand its influence as an agent of benefaction, to witness its practical and personal aids and humanitarian offices, a stand-point must be occupied upon a higher elevation. The inner life of the Order must be surveyed; its daily and nightly ministrations must be followed through the ten thousand noiseless channels in which they flow; the vast relief afforded to the distressed, the silent watches held at the sick chamber, the care observed for the dead, the education of the orphan, the succor of the widow, the high moral standard of character exacted and enforced, must be realized, and the vast influence for good resulting within the scope of these good offices, and from the many moral auxiliaries kindred in their character, which now greatly enlarge the sphere of our action must also be regarded: such as libraries, universities, colleges, schools, asylums for valetudinarian brothers, for widows and for orphans, committees for general relief, systems of lectures and public instruction, savings institutions, life assurance, and last, and perhaps foremost among them all in value, a periodical press firmly established in every section of the general jurisdiction, which is at once a powerful bond of union and strength, and a prolific source of instruction, enlightenment and fraternal sympathy. A thorough analysis of these instrumentalities combined may supply a correct idea of the capabilities of our Order for good.

At the session of 1869 the Grand Lodge authorized the Grand Sire to issue a dispensation, upon proper application from a sufficient number of brethren, to organize a Lodge or Lodges in Germany; and to appoint a special Deputy (if the good of the Order required it) with power to institute the Order in Germany; provided, that no expense attending the same shall be borne by this Grand Lodge. Shortly after the close of the session the Grand Sire procured letters, papers and documents necessary to be transmitted to the Hon. George Bancroft, American Minister at the

Court of Berlin, in commendation of the principles and aims of the Order, in order to secure his confidence and respect for the institution, and enlist his aid and influence in behalf of the mission.

In view of the chance of miscarriage of the package by mail, as well as the probable want of influence it might command in the absence of personal attention, it was deemed advisable not to transmit the package by mail. During a visit of the Grand Sire to California subsequently, one of the Lodges in San Francisco generously appropriated \$1,200 to provide for the appointment of a special commissioner to proceed to Germany. The donation was accepted, and J. F. Morse, P. G. M. (then in Europe), and Brother F. B. Austin (about to visit that country), both members of the Order in California, were recommended as eminently qualified to discharge the important trust. As the right of the Grand Sire to delegate to others plenary power was deemed questionable, he consented to enter upon the performance of the mission himself. Accordingly, on the 9th July last, accompanied by Bro. F. B. Austin, the Grand Sire left New York, and arrived at Southampton on the 19th, when he was informed of the existence of hostilities between Prussia and France.

As the state of excitement in Prussia rendered it impossible for the Grand Sire to either communicate with Minister Bancroft at Berlin or visit P. G. M. Morse at Dresden, he invited Bro. Morse to a conference in London, which the latter accepted, and with much difficulty succeeded in attending. The Grand Sire commissioned P. G. M. Morse as Special Deputy Grand Sire for the Germanic States and for Switzerland. The Grand Sire says, "I found him to be not only a highly intellectual and refined gentleman, but an Odd Fellow of long standing, a Past Grand Master thoroughly versed in the work, and a brother whose interest in the cause had ever been actively kept up. With pleasure I confided to his discretion the establishment of Odd Fellowship in those countries whenever, in his judgment, the time and circumstances should prove to be propitious."

The Grand Sire, convinced of the impracticability of further personal efforts in behalf of the mission at the present time, left England on the 20th August and arrived in New York on the 30th.

Since his return home the Grand Sire learns from Bro. Morse, under date of Berlin, Aug. 16, 1870, that he had an interview with the American Minister, and presented his testimonials and official papers with the most favorable result. Mr. Bancroft fully approved of the object, and has proffered his cordial co-operation.

The very excellent Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in closing his valuable report, says:

The subjoined table will show the progress of the past year as compared with that immediately preceding; it is full of interest and encouragement to every thoughtful Odd Fellow, and its lessons should stimulate the whole brotherhood to renewed efforts in the future.

#### GENERAL RETURNS OF 1869 AND 1870 COMPARED.

Lodges, 1869 .....	3,473	Increase.
" 1870 .....	3,765	292
Initiations, 1869 .....	41,183	
" 1870 .....	46,279	5,096
Revenue, 1869 ....	\$2,347,073.86	
" 1870 .....	2,714,288.93	\$367,215.07
Relief, 1869 .....	760,429.54	
" 1870 .....	859,906.86	99,477.32
Members, 1869 .....	268,608	
" 1870 .....	298,083	29,475 net gain.*

The exhibit is truly cheering, and justly awakens our honest pride and mutual gratulations. True although it may be that the splendid humanities and benevolence to which these large sums have been applied are primarily absorbed within our own family, in obedience to a fundamental idea, which we cherish as the great

\* Exclusive of Colorado.

heart from which the life-current of Odd Fellowship flows, yet their effects reach far beyond this limit; they permeate thoroughly the surroundings; they diffuse their benign influence outside the immediate recipient, to his wife, to his children, his parents, brothers, sisters, kindred, attendants of the sick chamber, physicians, neighbors, and through these ultimately find their way to the great public, warming every heart which they touch in their course with congenial ardor and love for the Order. Hence this paramount idea of our Order, so far from being exclusive, as has been sometimes intimated, is as well the true source of its value to the outside world as to its household. The greater its capacity and effectiveness to its own, the greater the radius of its external benevolence and usefulness; action and reaction is educed and made reciprocal between the two instrumentalities; our humanity, wherever and whenever displayed, challenges the public confidence and respect, and wins its kindred sympathy; thus do we conquer prejudice and draw within our fold, "by the cords of love," large accessions of members and resources from the ranks of the good and the generous. Who shall begin to calculate the length or the depth, the height or the width to which this vast relief has reached in the area of human suffering? Who shall estimate, even remotely, the benign influences which it has diffused from the centre to the circumference of its sphere of action? Such an effort were vain: idle even for imagination to idealize; idler still for language to attempt to portray; yet however unseen and intangible to human vision or touch, there is One whose eye never sleeps, who grasps the full measurement in a twinkling, who looks complacently from His Throne upon the noble offering as its grateful fragrance rises to the skies. His favor and approval is our tower of strength, His blessing the precious promise and high reward of our labor. Let us outpour to Him our heartfelt thanks for the golden harvest; let us learn from Him how to improve it, and so to apply its wisdom that it may not perish, but "flourish like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; whose leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

A new form of funeral service was presented by Gr. Rep. Mayes, of Mississippi, but not adopted.

The following resolution in regard to odes was adopted :

*Whereas* the odes of the Order have been printed by private individuals not authorized to print them by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and they have excused themselves upon the plea of ignorance of the law and the fact that the authorized odes bear an individual's imprint, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That all odes shall bear the imprint of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The proposition to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Supreme Grand Lodge," was voted down by a vote of 50 yeas to 64 nays, as were all the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Adverse action was taken on the proposition made to repeal the law prohibiting the use of names and numbers of defunct Lodges being used by new Lodges.

The proposition to abolish the Past Secretary's Degree was reported adversely on, and the report agreed to.

The proposition of Rep. Ross, of N. J., "That hereafter no brother shall be appointed District Deputy Grand Master unless he has received the Grand Lodge Degree, and no brother shall be appointed District Deputy Grand Patriarch unless he has received the Grand Encampment Degree," was not agreed to, for the reason that it was deemed neither desirable nor necessary.

The question of the restoration of aprons as a part of the regalia was again brought before the Grand Lodge, and defeated by a vote, that the aprons be *not* restored, of 65 yeas to 27 nays. This undoubtedly settles the question that we are not to have the aprons. Your Representatives, in ac-

cordance with your instructions and their own views, voted for and used their influence in favor of restoring the apron.

The price of the "Book of Forms" was reduced from two dollars to one dollar per copy.

Rep. Garey, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was agreed to.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as refers to the conferring of spurious degrees in Subordinate Lodge rooms, and by the quasi approbation of the officers of said Lodges, beg leave to report the following :

*Resolved*, That no Lodge room within the jurisdiction of this Grand Body shall be used for the conferring of any degrees or secret work not provided for by the existing laws of the Order; and that any officer of a Subordinate or other Lodge or Lodges who may aid or permit such degrees to be conferred in such Lodge rooms shall be guilty of a violation of the laws of the Order; provided that this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to affect any such proceedings as may be had in such Lodge rooms by other secret associations not under the color of Odd Fellowship.

Rep. Harmon, of California, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, report :

The resolution involves this question, to wit: Has a brother who has been elected to membership in a Subordinate Lodge, on deposit of Card, and has failed to appear and sign the Constitution, a right to demand the return of his Card?

We answer that the matter depends on local legislation. When a brother applies for membership on deposit of Card, and is elected and signs the Constitution, his Card should remain in the Lodge. So also if the local law date membership from the time of the applicant's *election*, the Card should then remain in the Lodge after election, and the applicant cannot demand its return, whether he signs the Constitution or not.

But if the local law date membership from the time of signing the Constitution, the brother elect who fails to appear and sign the same may demand the return of his Card, because until he signs the Constitution he is not a member of the Lodge.

The want of a new Digest of the laws and decisions of the Grand Lodge has long been felt by the members of the Order. At the last session of the Grand Lodge "the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary was directed to prepare a complete digest of the existing laws and decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with authority to employ such assistance as he may deem necessary, and submit the same to the next session for approval." In reference to the carrying out of this resolution the Grand Secretary in his report says :

This resolution, contemplating as it does a highly valuable work, and appropriating a large and liberal sum for its proper performance, imposes corresponding grave responsibilities. As I have had occasion heretofore to say, in this connection, the talent indispensable for success in this line is peculiar to itself, involving patient research, accurate discrimination, thorough analysis of law and its exposition, proper conception of system, order and arrangement, habit of condensation, apt experience and general vigor and culture of mind. This qualification is by no means common even among professional men, whose frequent consultation of such works renders them familiar with their value. Notwithstanding the closest attention and the most thorough research, provisions of law may escape observation or be the subject of misconception, the detection of which is sure to take place, subjecting the work at once to severe criticism and condemnation. Such has been my experience; I was

therefore not unprepared for difficulty in effecting an arrangement conformably to the law conferring the power. Recognizing the large confidence entrusted to me as a high compliment, I felt the more forcefully a corresponding responsibility. The performance of such a labor on my part, even if I felt adequate to the task, which in all frankness I disclaim, or even to give to the subject a general superintendence, in view of my multiplied official duties, was impossible. The Grand Lodge, in adopting the report of the Committee on the Digest, directed the abandonment of "the existing plan," and ordered an "entire new digest to be prepared." By the term "entire new digest," it was unmistakably meant that a new idea or plan of digest should be substituted for the former one. A new plan of digest was thus committed to the Grand Secretary, which it will at once be perceived involved a delicate and grave charge, especially when the adaptation and value of the work to the rank and file of the Order was the great desideratum. I had always appreciated the plan of the old Digest as simple and plain in its arrangement, and in this respect quite satisfactory, and I was not without apprehension that an exclusively law digest, as understood in the legal profession, would not be so well adapted to the larger number of our members. I felt it to be my duty, under all the circumstances, to consult the better judgment of many of the Grand Representatives and prominent professional brethren. In interchanging opinions I was forcefully impressed with the views received from Brother John H. White, the distinguished Representative from New York, which I adopted. At my request Brother White consented to undertake the work, which I committed to his charge. The manuscript has been placed in my possession, which, so far as opportunity has been offered, I have examined, and without undertaking to pass deliberately upon its merits, I unhesitatingly express my decided confidence in its accuracy and fidelity as a digest of the existing laws and decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Brother White's plan of digest is as follows:

The entire law, including Constitution, By-laws, resolutions, enactments and decisions, is arranged alphabetically under appropriate heads. In many cases, for convenience of reference, the same law is placed under two or three and sometimes four or more heads. In nearly all cases the sections of the Constitution and By-laws are put in entire, and always, unless susceptible of a complete division as to the subject-matter of it. The resolution, enactments and decisions upon abstract questions are also, except the mere formal parts thereof, inserted entire and in the language contained in the journal. With the decisions in appeal cases a different rule is adopted. A statement of facts is given, followed by the decision thereon, as far as practicable in the language of the committee, leaving the general principle to be drawn by the reader. The year of the adoption of each law, except Constitution and By-laws, is given. No attempt is made to manufacture law, but only to give it as it appears in the books, without note or comment. It was presumed that this plan would render unnecessary a reprint of the old journals. Many of the different heads are subdivided into appropriate sub heads, and under these are arranged, as far as practicable, such parts of the general heads as are appropriate to the particular sub-heads, closing with a "miscellaneous" head, under which are included such laws as have no other appropriate place. The whole is designed to be printed with marginal notes, or "display lines" or "catch words," as may be decided by the Grand Lodge, samples of which are submitted.

I recommend it confidently to the favorable consideration of the committee which may be charged with its examination.

The committee to whom this subject was referred, in their report say:

Your special committee appointed to examine the Digest prepared by Rep. White, of New York, beg leave to report that we have performed the duty assigned us, giving the subject such consideration and examination as could be given and report thereon at this session. To read it all and verify its correctness by comparison with the journals would involve the labor of weeks instead of hours. We apprehend it was not the intention of this Grand Lodge that we should perform that task. For the fidelity and accuracy of the work we must rely, as no doubt the Grand Lodge intended to do, upon the ability and integrity of the worthy brother to whom was assigned the task of preparing it. From his known character and ability, as well as from the examination we have been able to make of the work, we believe that

the Digest offered may be adopted with an assurance that it is correct so far as it goes, and that if it is not absolutely full and complete, it is as nearly so as any committee would be likely to make one.

We respectfully submit the following resolution for your consideration:

*Resolved*, That Rep. White, of New York, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to complete the Digest prepared by him, so as to embrace the legislation and decisions of the present session of this Grand Lodge, and prepare a full alphabetical index thereto; and that when completed he cause the same to be printed under his own immediate supervision, in octavo form, on small pica type, solid, and in compliance with the suggestions made in the foregoing report. That fifteen hundred copies be so printed, and bound in a style which shall be uniform with the bound Journals, and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary for sale as other supplies.

This is a very high compliment to one of New York's most honored Representatives, and shows the estimation in which he is held by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

This resolution was adopted, after striking out fifteen hundred copies and inserting three thousand. Gr. Rep. White is now engaged in closing up the work, and it will be printed as soon as possible, sold at as low a rate as it can be afforded, and when done will be just what is needed. As soon as it is ready for sale the proper notice will be given.

The subject of the introduction of Odd Fellowship into the West India Islands was referred to the M. W. Grand Sire elect, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with authority to take such action in the premises as may in their opinion seem expedient.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That when District Deputy Grand Masters visit a Subordinate Lodge for the purpose of installing the officers elect, or upon other official duty, they, as the representatives of the M. W. Grand Master, shall be accorded the same honors that are given to that officer.

*Resolved*, That the same principles shall apply to the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

*Resolved*, That non-affiliated Odd Fellows who have been regularly initiated in the Order, and have retained membership therein for at least ten consecutive years, and who at the time of making application for reinstatement or membership, shall be over fifty years of age, may be admitted to membership in any Lodge or Encampment as non-beneficial members, upon such terms as the local law may prescribe.

Rep. Medole, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Warren, of Massachusetts—

"That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may return surrendered Charters that have remained unclaimed for not less than five years, upon the petition of the requisite number, although but one of the petitioners may have been a member of said Lodge or Encampment," beg leave to report—

That in 1867 this Grand Lodge declared that it shall be lawful, when in the judgment of a State Grand Body it may be expedient, to allow a Lodge or Encampment to be resuscitated upon the application of five of the former members of the Lodge, or seven of the former members of the Encampment, as the case may be, and to give the name, Charter and effects of such defunct Subordinate to such applicants, if at the time they are not connected with any other Lodge or Encampment

The committee, however, favor the legislation asked for, on condition that surrendered property shall not be returned with the Charter, unless upon the most

equitable principles, and that a Charter fee shall be paid, as in the case of a new Charter. The committee therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may return surrendered Charters that have remained unclaimed for not less than five years, upon the petition of the requisite number of qualified brothers, although only one of the petitioners may have been a member of said defunct Lodge or Encampment. *Provided*, however, that if the requisite number of original members be not found among the petitioners, it must be apparent that due diligence and effort have been made, in good faith, to procure the required number, or no surrendered funds, effects and property of the defunct Lodge or Encampment shall be returned with the Charter, and in all cases the Charter fee shall be required, as in case of issuing a new Charter.

On the subject of asylums and schools the following action was had. Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was agreed to:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as refers to schools and asylums, respectfully report—

As time progresses in the history of our Order, the necessity strengthens for making more efficient provision for the support of valetudinary brothers than is made under existing practice. Our present system of weekly benefits is designed merely to afford relief, not support, to sick and disabled members; but the time is rapidly coming, and in the elder jurisdictions has already arrived, when a class of membership, disabled by age from contributing to their own maintenance, will be proper objects for the special care of the fraternity.

In the days of our present prosperity the Order should be actively engaged in making the most ample provisions for our future needs, and none is more appropriate than the preparation of asylums wherein the brothers, worn out by age and infirmity, may pass the remainder of their days in quietude and comfort.

The propriety of entering without delay into this special field of benevolence and duty, is recommended to the earnest consideration of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and to the subordinate bodies throughout the entire jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee have no special form or plan to submit or recommend; circumstances will undoubtedly vary the mode of operation to suit the several localities, and it is better that perfect freedom should be allowed to test the various plans that may be projected, when experience will ultimately decide on the best.

But your committee would respectfully suggest that the small weekly contribution of one cent per week, from the membership of the several Subordinate Lodges in the whole jurisdiction, would amount to the annual income of one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars—a sum fully sufficient to accomplish the object in view.

In order that as little time as possible may be lost in proceeding to the work, it is suggested that any number of Lodges in any jurisdiction be authorized to take initial steps towards organizing "Asylums for aged Odd Fellows" in their several localities or jurisdictions.

The subject of schools and asylums is one that is beginning to awaken general attention, and efforts are being made in various jurisdictions to establish institutions that will aid in the execution of the commands of the supreme authority in Odd Fellowship. It is now thirty-nine years since Maryland entered upon the education of orphans, and the results have been highly gratifying, and should serve as an incentive to other jurisdictions to earnest endeavors in the same direction. It is true that in some States the public schools are of so excellent a character that the ordinary needs of education are amply supplied, but there are numerous cases wherein orphans are compelled to labor for their own support at an age when they should be attending school. There are others that need the restraining influence of a home and pure associations to enable them to attain unto the condition in life that is desirable, both for themselves and society. The Grand Lodge of the United States, therefore, feels it to be a duty to encourage the establishment of asylums and schools for the protection and education of the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

*Resolved*, That Grand Lodges be requested to take action, at as early a day as possible, and, where practicable, to provide for the establishment of suitable places where the orphan children of the members of the Order in their several jurisdictions may be supported and educated. Also for the establishment, at suitable localities, of asylums for the use and benefit of valetudinary members of the Order, where they may be comfortably supported during the remnant of their days.

*Resolved*, That in cases where Grand Lodges may omit to take action in relation to either of these objects, any Lodge or number of Lodges in such jurisdiction are authorized to raise the funds necessary, and to apply the same in the establishment and support of such institutions or asylums.

On the report of the Legislative Committee the following was adopted:

This Grand Lodge has decided that chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts, &c., are inadmissible *as regalia*. We do not understand that it is proposed to adopt any head-dress as a regalia of the Order, but simply to secure, in a given locality, a uniformity in that portion of the dress of persons appearing in public procession. We think such a course would not be a violation of any law of the Order, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Subordinate Encampments, when they appear in public, may wear such uniform style of head-dress as may be approved by the Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction.

It was deemed inexpedient to legislate on the subject of a system of life insurance by the Grand Lodge.

A proposition was made to amend the law regulating the qualification for membership in the Degree of Rebekah, so as to provide for admission of Daughters of Odd Fellows over eighteen years of age. The committee to whom this subject was referred say, in their report:

That this Grand Lodge has several times refused to adopt propositions similar to the one now made; that it is in violation of the spirit, and if adopted would render necessary a change in the language of the ritual; and that, in our judgment, it is founded in a misconception of the object of the degree. It has always been the duty of our Order to protect the widows and orphans of its membership, but unless the head of the family, the only one who could hold actual membership, was gone, it was sometimes found difficult to determine, among strangers, who were widows and orphans having direct claims upon the Order. Hence this degree, to enable her who becomes the head of the family, in the absence or upon the death of the husband, to prove that she and her children are of those who are by our laws made the wards of the Order. The degree is not designed as a mere ornament, or a source of amusement. We think the proposed legislation would be unwise.

The proposition, therefore, was not adopted.

Another proposition, that hereafter all members of Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah shall be elected by ballot, was not acted upon favorably.

The committee to whom the subject of conferring the degrees in Subordinate Lodges was referred, made the following report and offered the subjoined resolutions, which were adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That authority be and is hereby given to Subordinate Lodges to set apart a stated evening in each month, other than the regular stated meeting night of the Lodge, for the purpose of conferring the first five degrees of the Order upon duly qualified brothers, provided that nothing herein shall authorize the conferring of the degrees on Sunday,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that the law has been long and, as we think, wisely settled, that the *balloting* for degrees shall be upon the same evening on which application is made therefor. We do not think this rule ought to be changed; but we know of no law which requires that the de-

grees should be conferred at the same session; and it seems eminently proper that the time of conferring degrees should be left to the control of subordinates, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by local legislation. We see no necessity for legislation on the part of this Grand Lodge, and therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this whole subject be indefinitely postponed, and this committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Rep. Carter, of Ohio, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was agreed to, and the resolution and odes adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee appointed at your last session to select appropriate Odes for the use of Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty, and herewith present two Odes, which, with those previously adopted by your Grand Body, will, we think, fully supply the wants of Lodges working in the Degree of Rebekah. We therefore offer for your adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby authorized to have the Odes herewith presented, together with those previously adopted for use in the Rebekah Degree, printed in the English and German languages, and that the price of the same be fixed at five cents each.

#### INITIATION ODE : INTRODUCTION.

AIR—*Scots wha' hae wi Wallace bled.*

Welcome, sisters, to a shrine  
Where the social graces twine,  
Hallowed by a work divine,  
    Blest in charity !  
Seal the promise, fraught with good,  
To the gentle sisterhood;  
Thus of old Rebekah stood,  
    Type of constancy.

Here life's purest joy we hail—  
Mercy's radiant deeds prevail;  
Vainly want and woe assail  
    As we onward move.  
Honor binds the triple chain;  
Faith shields from a world of pain;  
Hope inspires the glad refrain—  
    “Friendship, Truth and Love.”

#### PRESENTATION TO THE N. G.

AIR—*Star of Bethlehem.*

When gathered round the altar fair  
    Which love and duty meet to bless,  
The purest lights which greet us there  
    Are woman's trust and tenderness.  
Hail, ye who bear the wine and oil  
    To bless the stricken mourner's lot !  
Lo, angels smile upon the toil  
    Of hearts and hands that weary not !

The next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge will be held in the city of Chicago, Ill.

The following are the officers of the Grand Lodge as elected and installed for the ensuing two years:

M. W. Grand Sire, FREDERICK D. STUART, of District of Columbia.  
R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, of Kansas.  
R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, JAS. L. RIDGELY, of Maryland.  
R. W. Grand Treasurer, JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland.

The appointed officers are:

R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky.  
R. W. Grand Marshal, STUART W. CAYCE, of Alabama.  
R. W. Grand Guardian, JAMES SMITH, of Ontario.  
R. W. Grand Messenger, JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland.

From the well-known ability of the Grand Sire, his knowledge and perfect familiarity with the workings of our beloved Order, and his devotion to its principles, we have the best guarantee of a successful administration of the duties of the high office to which he has been called. On taking the chair he addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

**REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS :** The peculiar circumstances attending my election to the highest office in our Order, in your gift, if no other reasons could be assigned for such a course, make it eminently proper that I should, before entering upon the performance of the duties of the office, tender to you my grateful acknowledgments and heartfelt thanks. Such an honor can only be enjoyed by a very few, and it is not always that the best fitted and the most deserving are selected, but through your partiality I have been chosen. I fully appreciate the compliment you have paid me, and, with the help of God, will endeavor by every effort to give you no cause of complaint. In the execution of the important trust confided to me, I shall, no doubt, meet with many difficulties; but having in view the best interests of our beloved institution, I shall avail myself of the ripened experience of those whose judgment has inspired us all with confidence and esteem. It is for you to enact such laws and devise such means as will most effectually subserve the great objects and purposes of our Order. It is for me to see that the laws are promptly obeyed, and that your mandates are strictly complied with.

The legislation of the past week has imposed upon me duties of a highly important and delicate character, and to the full extent of my ability, and with all the zeal and energy I possess, they shall be performed.

I shall look with confidence to you for support and co-operation in the performance of all the duties incumbent upon me. My efforts in behalf of the right, no matter how earnestly and efficiently directed, will avail but little without your aid.

In the exercise of my prerogatives, as well during the recess of this R. W. Body as during its sessions, I shall ever bear in mind that I am the choice of the Grand Lodge—of the entire Order—and am therefore bound to act for all, and toward all, without prejudice or partiality.

As your presiding officer, I shall claim that forbearance and indulgence you have so liberally extended toward my predecessors. In return I shall make it my duty to become familiar with our rules, so that the business of this R. W. Grand Body may be conducted harmoniously and with dispatch.

Looking to that source from whom all earthly blessings flow—regarding Him as our Father and our friend, in whom we live and move and have our being—who is the author of every good and perfect gift, and by whose divine favor and unbounded mercy and goodness our efforts in the cause of human benefaction have been crowned with success, let us with thankful hearts render our grateful acknowledgments, and implore a continuance of His watchful care, His benign influence in directing our minds, so that all our acts may redound to His glory and the happiness of all mankind.

As we are about to separate, my brethren, permit me to invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon you individually and collectively, and to express the earnest

prayer that you may safely reach your respective homes, and that you may be cheered with the delightful knowledge that, while here, you have done your duty, and all your duty, not only to those whom you specially represent, but to the whole Order.

I again thank you for the compliment you have paid me.

A new sign, called the recognition sign, was also adopted, to go into effect on the first day of January, 1871, which will be properly promulgated by the M. W. Grand Master in due time.

We have thus endeavored to lay before you as brief a summary of the doings of the Grand Lodge as its importance will admit, and commend it to the careful consideration of the members of the Order, hoping that our action meets their approval.

To the brethren of the jurisdiction of Maryland we are under obligations for kindnesses received at their hands and for many courtesies; to the brethren of the jurisdiction of the State of New York we beg to return our very grateful acknowledgments for the honors received from them, and our appreciation of their confidence.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,  
EDWARD J. HAMILTON.

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## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, DISTRICTS AND LODGES.

**Albany.**—HIRAM HOLBROOK, Laurel Lodge, No. 24, West Troy.

2 Hope.....	Albany.....	Wednesday.	41 Phoenix.....	Albany.....	Tuesday.
7 Clinton.....	" .....	Wednesday.	76 Mount Carmel ..	" .....	Monday.
16 Ger. Colonial ..	" .....	Monday.	87 Schonegħtada ..	" .....	Thursday.
19 Fireman's .....	" .....	Thursday.	93 Samaritan.....	" .....	Monday.
24 Laurel.....	West Troy	Monday.	210 Spartan .....	Cohoes...	Friday.
32 American.....	Albany....	Tuesday.	15 Excelsior D. L..	Albany. 1st & 3d	Wed'day.
38 Mount Hermon ..	" .....	Monday.	11 City	" "	1st & 3d Tuesday.

**Allegany.**—L. D. VAUGHAN, Talmud Lodge, No. 204, Wellsville.

204 Talmud.....	Wellsville....	241 Valley Point.....	Cuba....
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**Chautauqua.**—M. W. HUTTON, Ellicott Lodge, No. 221, Jamestown.

181 Point Gratiot ..	Dunkirk....	Wednesday.	221 Ellicott.....	Jamestown..	Monday.
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**Chemung, Schuyler and Tioga.**—W. L. GIBSON, Newtown Lodge, No. 89, Elmira.

56 Havana.....	Havana ..	Wednesday.	196 Canadesaga.....	Watkins...	Tuesday.
89 Newtown.....	Elmira....	Monday.	219 Manoca.....	Waverley..	Tuesday.

**Chenango.**—H. C. WILCOX, Canasawacta Lodge, No. 205, Norwich.

116 Smyrna .....	Smyrna ...	Saturday.	205 Canasawacta....	Norwich...	Monday.
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**Columbia.**—THOMAS P. NASH, Allen Lodge, No. 92, Hudson.

92 Allen.....	Hudson....	Monday.	128 Morning Star..	Chat. 4 Cors.	Wednesday.
115 Valatie .....	Valatie....	Monday.	142 Hudson City...	Hudson ....	Tuesday.

**Cortland and Broome.**—ALLEN PERKINS, Calumet Lodge, No. 62, Binghamton.

62 Calumet.....	Binghamton.	Monday.	167 Marathon.....	Marathon ..	Wednesday.
99 Homer .....	Homer.....	Tuesday.	235 Centre Lisle...	Centre Lisle.	
164 Preble.....	Preble .....	Saturday.			

**Delaware.**—W. E. BATES, Hobart Lodge, No. 63, Hobart.

63 Hobart.....	Hobart.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.
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**Dutchess.**—WALTER GORING, Lafayette Lodge, No. 18, Wappingers Falls.

18 Lafayette..	Wap'gers Falls .	Thursday.	162 Rhinebeck. ....	Rhinebeck..	Monday.
21 Po'keepsie.	Poughkeepsie..	Tuesday.	203 Park .....	Hyde Park..	Friday.
131 Evergreen.	Matteawan....	Wednesday.			

**Erie.**—A. P. MASON, Niagara Lodge, No. 25, Buffalo.

25 Niagara .....	Buffalo....	Monday.	190 German Bundes..	Buffalo...	Tuesday.
37 Buffalo .....	" .....	Tuesday.	224 Oriental.....	" .....	Wednesday.
91 Walhalla.....	" .....	Thursday.	238 Red Jacket....	" .....	
178 Odin.....	" .....	Wednesday.	3 Erie D. L..	Buffalo..	2d & 4th Wednesday.
187 Concordia .....	" .....	Friday.	30 Edda " ..	" ..	1st & 3d Sunday.

**Franklin.**—D. S. CAMP, Neshoba Lodge, No. 78, Malone.

78 Neshoba.....	Malone.....	Monday.
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**Genesee.**—ASA F. LAWRENCE, Tonawanda Lodge, No. 145, Alexander.

145 Tonawanda.....Alexander..Monday.	198 Wardville .... Bergen.....Tuesday.
194 N'th Pembroke.Pembroke..Thursday.	222 Stafford.....Stafford....Friday.
197 Batavia.....Batavia....Wednesday.	

**Jefferson.**—SOLON B. HART, Jefferson Union Lodge, No. 124, Watertown.

111 Wenona ..... Adams.....Friday.	175 Mannsville.... Mannsville...Saturday.
124 Jefferson Union..Watertown...Friday.	206 Lorraine .....Lorraine....Thursday.
168 Collins ..... .Bellville.....Sat'day.	

**Kings, No. 1.**—JOHN H. SUTTER, Principle Lodge, No. 48,  
25 Carl Street, Brooklyn, W. D.

26 Brooklyn* ..... Brooklyn...Tuesday.	166 Magnolia* ..... Brooklyn...Friday.
39 Nassau* ..... " ..Thursday.	169 Union†..... " ..Wednesday.
48 Principle*..... " ..Tuesday.	182 Franklin..... Gravesend .Saturday.
50 Atlantic*..... " .. Monday.	200 Stella‡ ..... Brooklyn...Tuesday.
114 Montauk*..... " ..Monday.	225 Ceres§..... " ..Wednesday.
121 The Woods .... N. Utrecht .Saturday.	239 Gowanus, South " ..Saturday.
127 Ivanhoe* ..... Brooklyn...Wednesday.	13 Fr'klin D. L*... " ..Saturday.
133 Steuben* ..... " ..Thursday.	

\* No. 26 Court Street.    † Union and Court Streets.    ‡ Myrtle and Kent Avenues.  
§ Fulton Avenue.

**Kings, No. 2.**—JAMES C. JOHNSON, Crusaders' Lodge, No. 61,  
318 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn.

61 Crusaders'.... Wmsburgh.Thursday.	223 Socrates.....Wmsburgh.Wednesday.
125 William Tell... " Tuesday.	233 Olive Leaf.....Greenpoint.Wednesday.
144 Mount Ararat..Greenpoint.Monday.	

**Livingston.**—J. C. WHEATON, Canaseraga Lodge, No. 123, Dansville.

123 Canaseraga. .... .....	Dansville.....Friday.
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**Monroe and Ontario.**—A. P. BUTTS, Monroe Lodge, No. 188, Brockport.

3 Genesee.....Rochester..Friday.	188 Monroe.....Brockport..Friday.
8 Teoronto..... " ..Monday.	199 Parma .....Parma Cor.Saturday.
66 Rochester City. " ..Tuesday.	236 Canandaigua...Canandaigua.
138 Humboldt ..... " ..Wednesday.	

**Montgomery and Fulton.**—DAVID DEFOREST, Amsterdam Lodge,  
No. 134, Amsterdam.

134 Amsterdam ...Amsterdam.Monday.	220 Guttenberg...Amsterdam.Thursday.
218 Cayadutta. ...Johnstown..Tuesday.	228 Groversville...Groversville.

**New York, No. 1.**—SAMUEL J. PESOA, Columbia Lodge, No. 1,  
No. 130 West Tenth Street.

1 Columbia.....O. F. Hall..Tuesday.	49 Hancock.....O. F. Hall.. Thursday.
11 Gettys . .... " ..Friday.	64 Empire..... " ..Monday.
28 Ark..... " ..Wednesday.	67 Beacon ..... " ..Friday.
30 National ..... " ..Monday.	74 Pilgrim..... " ..Thursday.
33 Metropolitan.... " ..Thursday.	110 Ocean ..... " ..Tuesday.
43 Concorde ..... " ..Tuesday.	140 Diamond ..... " ..Wednesday.

**New York, No. 2.**—RICHARD L. RALEIGH, Crystal Lodge, No. 107,  
735 Fifth Street.

22 Knickerbocker .516 Br'dway.Thursday.	119 Polar Star.....516 Br'dway.Monday.
31 Olive Branch ..516 " ..Wednesday.	151 City .....812 " ..Monday.
47 Mercantile ....812 " ..Tuesday.	165 Hermitage ....516 " ..Tuesday.
69 Sincérité .....516 " ..Friday.	1 New York Degree Lodge,
107 Crystal.....812 " ..Thursday.	812 Broadway.....Saturday.

**New York, No. 3.—PETER H. JOBES,** Continental Lodge, No. 117,  
15 Lewis Street.

10 New York....	132 Bowery.	Friday.	106 Cornucopia ....	132 Bowery.	Tuesday.
23 Mariners'.....	151	"	117 Continental....	132	"
36 Enterprise.....	151	"	139 United States..	151	"
46 State Rights .....	1 Delancey	Wednesday.	146 Worth.....	193 Bowery	Thursday.
57 Mutual .....	132 Bowery.	Monday.	207 Olympic.....	193	"
60 Howard .....	272	"	208 Emanuel.....	193	"
72 Eckford .....	1 Delancey	Tuesday.			Monday.

**New York, No. 4.—CHRISTIAN ALSFELD,** Germania Lodge, No. 13,  
164 Hester Street.

4 Strangers' Ref...	73 Ludlow....	Tuesday.	211 King Solomon..	73 Ludlow..	Thursday.
13 Germania.....	274 Grand....	Friday.	213 Robert Blum ...	"	Monday.
14 Teutonia .....	O. F. Hall....	Monday.	214 Beethoven.....	117 Broome..	Monday.
52 United Bro's....	274 Grand....	Wed'day.	226 Mozart.....	69 Vandam..	Tuesday.
82 German Oak....	"	Wed'day.	230 Henry Clay.....	73 Ludlow..	Thursday.
118 Solon .....	"	Monday.	231 Arndt .....	117 Broome..	Thursday.
120 Venus.....	"	Monday.	234 Peabody.....	77 Essex ..	Thursday.
129 Schiller.....	"	Tuesday.	237 Zschokke .....	"	Friday.
130 Minerva.....	"	Thursday	242 Colfax.....	56 Orchard..	Thursday.
135 Mount Sinai..	"	Tuesday.	246 Apollo.....	69 Vandam..	Monday.
148 Hermann.....	"	Thursday	5 United Brothers' D. L.,	274 Grand,	
185 Cherusker.....	73 Ludlow....	Tuesday.			Sunday.

**New York, No. 6.—JONAS R. KNAPP,** Tompkins Lodge, No. 9,  
Hudson City, N. J.

9 Tompkins...	812 Broadway..	Wednesday.	126 Amaranthus.	327 Bowery...	Monday.
35 Covenant ..	327 Bowery....	Thursday.	177 Eureka.....	275 Bleecker..	Monday.
40 Greenwich ..	501 Hudson....	Monday.	183 Alleghania ..	327 Bowery...	Friday.
84 Warren.....	327 Bowery....	Tuesday.	201 Harlem...	127th St., 3d Ave.	Tuesday.
113 Mechanics'..	"	Wednesday.	244 Yorkville..	86th St.,	"

**Niagara.—J. HARVEY MURPHY,** Cataract Lodge, No. 54, Lockport.

54 Cataract.....	Lockport.....	Wednesday.	184 Constellation..	Lockport....	Tuesday.
81 Niagara Falls .	Susp. Bridge.	Thursday.			

**Oneida and Herkimer.—S. H. HANAUER,** Oneida Lodge, No. 70, Utica.

68 Central City... Utica .....	Wednesday.	108 Sauquoit....	Sauquoit.....	Saturday.
70 Oneida.....	" .....	147 Schuyler.....	Utica .....	Monday.
95 Skenandoah ..	" .....	186 Allemania ...	" .....	Wednesday.
18 Utica Degree Lodge.....	Utica.....		2d and last Friday.	

**Onondaga and Cayuga.—E. AUSTIN BARNES,** Syracuse Lodge, No. 109,  
Syracuse.

29 Mohegan....	Baldwinsville.	Wednesday.	136 Oundiaga ..	Onondaga Val..	Saturday.
44 Alphadelphia.	Syracuse....	Wednesday.	161 Uncas .....	Lafayette.....	Thursday.
79 Onondaga....	" .....	Friday.	163 Lessing ....	Syracuse.....	Monday.
97 Salina .....	Salina .....	Monday.	180 Lincoln....	" .....	Monday.
109 Syracuse.....	Syracuse ....	Tuesday.	215 Jordan.....	Jordan.....	Wednesday.
			249 Southern Central....	Weedsport .....	Wednesday.

**Orange and Sullivan.—THOMAS BLOOD,** Wawayanda Lodge,  
No. 34, Warwick.

34 Wawayanda...	Warwick....	Friday.	170 Freemen's...	Walden.....	Monday.
65 Highland .....	Newburgh ..	Tuesday.	209 Attilla.....	Port Jervis ..	Thursday.
112 Middletown...	Middletown.	Thursday.	240 Adelphi.....	Cochecton ....	
143 Ustayantha...	Port Jervis ..	Wednesday.			

**Orleans.—HENRY A. GLIDDEN,** Orleans Lodge, No. 217, Albion.

42 Holley.....	Holley .....	Saturday.	217 Orleans.....	Medina ...	Monday.
58 Albion.....	Albion .....	Friday.			

**Oswego.**—JOHN R. PIERCE, Oswegatchie Lodge, No. 156, Oswego City.

77 Golden Rule . . . Phoenix . . . . .	Tuesday.	156 Oswegatchie . . . Oswego . . . . .	Thursday.
149 Central Square . . . Central Sq.. . . .	Saturday.	245 Neahawanta . . . Fulton . . . . .	Wednesday.

**Otsego.**—HIRAM C. CLINE, Milford Lodge, No. 150, Milford.

101 Schenevas . . . Schenevas . . . . .	Saturday.	150 Milford . . . . .	Portlandville . . . Saturday.
102 Cherry Val'y . . . Cherry Valley . . . . .	Friday.	153 Ehr'br'tstein . . . Edmeston . . . . .	Saturday.
103 Otsego . . . . .	Cooperstown . . . Friday.		

**Queens.**—GEORGE POPLE, Pacific Lodge, No. 85, Flushing, L. I.

73 Pembroke . . . . .	Glen Cove . . . Saturday.	155 Astoria . . . . .	Astoria . . . . . Thursday.
85 Pacific . . . . .	Flushing . . . Monday.	247 Jamaica . . . . .	Jamaica . . . . .
141 Hempstead . . . . .	Hempstead . . . Thursday.		

**Rensselaer.**—S. SAVAGE, Farmers' and Mech. Lodge, No. 157, Greenbush.

27 Trojan . . . . .	Troy . . . . .	Monday.	157 Farm. & Mech. Greenbush . . . Thursday.
53 Rensselaer . . . . .	" . . . . .	Wednesday.	248 Rhein . . . . . Troy . . . . .
96 Athenian . . . . .	Troy . . . . .	Friday.	7 Rensselaer D. L. " . . 2d & 4th Thursday.

**Richmond.**—EDWIN J. FLATT, Richmond Co. Lodge, No. 88, West New Brighton, S. I.

88 Richmond Co. . . W. Brighton . . . . .	Wednesday.	152 Neptune . . . . .	Stapleton . . . . . Thursday.
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**Rockland.**—JOHN J. LAWRENCE, Piermont Lodge, No. 83, Piermont.

83 Piermont . . . . .	Piermont . . . . .	Tuesday.	192 Amity . . . . .	Spring Valley . . . Wednesday.
122 Oneko . . . . .	Nyack . . . . .	Friday.		

**Saratoga.**—A. P. MALLERY, Saratoga Lodge, No. 15, Saratoga Springs.

15 Saratoga . . . . .	Saratoga Springs . . . . .	Thursday.	174 Corinth . . . . .	Corinth . . . . . Thursday.
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**Schenectady.**—H. W. HOWD, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 17, Schenectady.

12 Mohawk Valley . . . Schenectady . . . . .	Monday.	227 Schenectady . . . Schenectady . . . . .	Thursday.
17 St. Paul's . . . . .	" . . . . .	Tuesday.	

**Steuben.**—THOS. TAYLERSON, Corning Lodge, No. 94, Corning.

94 Corning . . . . .	Corning . . . . .	Friday.
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**St. Lawrence.**—ELIJAH WHITE, Ogdensburg Lodge, No. 98, Ogdensburg.

98 Ogdensburg . . . . .	Ogdensburg . . . . .	Wednesday.
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**Suffolk.**—PHILANDER R. JENNINGS, Suffolk Lodge, No. 90, Sag Harbor.

80 Brookhaven . . . Patchogue . . . . .	Saturday.	104 Sampawams . . . Babylon . . . . .	Friday.
90 Suffolk . . . . .	Sag Harbor . . . Monday.	179 Greenport . . . . .	Greenport . . . Monday.

**Tompkins.**—THOS. P. ST. JOHN, Ithaca Lodge, No. 71, Ithaca.

20 Tuckahannock . . . Trumansb'g . . . . .	Tuesday.	71 Ithaca . . . . .	Ithaca . . . . . Friday.
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**Ulster and Greene.**—JAMES G. TUBBY, Aretas Lodge, No. 172, Rondout.

51 Confidence . . . . .	Saugerties . . . Monday.	160 Accord . . . . .	Accord . . . Saturday.
59 Ulster . . . . .	" . . . Thursday.	172 Aretas . . . . .	Rondout . . . Wednesday.
86 Kosciusko . . . . .	Kingston . . . Wednesday.	189 Hend'k Hudson . . . Catskill . . .	Tuesday.

**Washington.**—JAMES GIBSON, Jr., Salem Lodge, No. 45, Salem.

5 Whitehall . . . . .	Whitehall . . . . .	Thursday.	55 Arcturus . . . . .	Sandy Hill . . . Wednesday.
45 Salem . . . . .	Salem . . . . .	Wednesday.		

*Wayne*.—LEWIS B. KEELER, Pierian Lodge, No. 243, Palmyra.  
243 Pierian..... Palmyra.....

*Westchester and Putnam*.—THOMAS R. JONES, Mount Vernon Lodge,  
No. 195, Mount Vernon.

6 Cortland . . . . . Peekskill . . . . .	Wednesday.	193 Goethe. . . . . Morrisania . . . Friday.
75 Cryptic . . . . . “ . . . . .	Friday.	195 Mt. Vernon . . . Mt. Vernon . . . Monday.
158 Spring Valley. Dobbs' Ferry. . . . .	Wednesday.	202 Southeast. Brewster Stat'n . . . Thursday.
171 Morrisania . . . Morrisania . . . . .	Wednesday.	229 Hebron. . . . . White Plains . . . Tuesday.
173 Patterson . . . Patterson . . . . .	Saturday.	232 Yonkers. . . . . Yonkers . . . Thursday.
191 Yorktown . . . Jeff. Valley . . . . .	Saturday.	

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